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GOVERNOR SPEAKS OUT.

HOLDS GOVERNMENT OF CANTON RESPONSIBLE.

LIABLE FOR BOYCOTT LOSSES.

STRIKE EMISSARIES WARNED.

"We expect and require the Canton Government to put an end to these illegalities. We hold the Canton Government to be principals in this matter. I also wish it to be clearly understood that the Hongkong Government will never agree in principle to strike pay or to compensation for non-reinstatement of labourers." Thus declared His Excellency the Governor (Sir Cecil Clementi, K.C.M.G.) when addressing members of the Legislative Council before the commencement of business this morning, in the course of a speech on the Canton boycott.

His Excellency further asserted regarding the settlement negotiations that the Hongkong Government could not negotiate in Canton with any but the Canton Government. He also declared that the boycott is characterised by flagrant violations of Treaty rights which it is the duty of the Canton Government to respect. Consequently it is the duty of the Canton Government to require the Strike Committee to put an end to such illegalities, failure to do which throws grave doubt of its professed sincerity in desiring an early settlement. His Excellency added that the Canton Government was liable for losses incurred as the result of such illegal activities, but later in his speech said the Hongkong Government desired an honourable and lasting settlement of the boycott and remained prepared to negotiate such a settlement with the Canton authorities.

Referring to attempts recently made in Hongkong by emissaries of the Canton Strike Committee to incite a new strike here, His Excellency declared that if these attempts were not immediately discontinued, the Government would take drastic steps to put a stop to them, saying it was determined to put down with a firm hand any conspiracy to intimidate or otherwise cause trouble among the labourers or merchants of this Colony.

Addressing the members of the Council, His Excellency the Governor said:—Your Excellency and Gentlemen—I regret to inform the Council that the anti-British boycott in the Kwangtung Province still continues, in spite of the efforts made by the Hongkong Government to negotiate a settlement. This boycott originated from a strike, which according to a communiqué issued last month by the Canton Commissioner of Foreign Affairs "was instituted by Hongkong workers, not for economic reasons, but as a protest against the British Government," and which is claimed in a resolution recently passed at a special meeting of the four Chambers of Commerce in Canton to be "a patriotic demonstration of the people for the honour of the country." But, if this be so, how came it that the Canton Strike Committee was obliged from the outset to maintain thousands of strike pickets in Canton and elsewhere, in order to prevent the Hongkong workers from returning to their employment in this Colony? And why is it that the strike is now to all intents and purposes a thing of the past, and that, in spite of every means of intimidation employed by the Canton Strike Committee, almost the whole body of Hongkong labourers is now again at work? Moreover, is it not certain that the anti-British boycott in the Kwangtung Province would not last another day but for the unlawful tyranny imposed upon the Cantonese people by the Canton Strike Committee? The Strike Committee can easily put this matter to the test. Let it withdraw all the strike pickets, abstain from all forcible interference with trade in the Kwangtung Province, and note the result.

VIOLATION OF TREATIES.
The Canton Commissioner of Foreign Affairs argues in his communiqué that the principals in this matter are the Canton Strike Committee on the one side and the Hongkong Government on the other and that, therefore, a settlement should be negotiated by the Hongkong Government with the Strike Committee. I desire to make it perfectly clear that the Hongkong Government cannot negotiate in Canton with any but the Canton Government. Moreover, the boycott maintained by the Canton Strike Committee to the detriment chiefly of their own fellow countrymen is characterized by flagrant violations of treaty rights, which it is the duty of the Canton Government to respect. Consequently it is the duty of the Canton Government to require the Canton Strike Committee to put an end to such illegalities. The Canton Government has not yet done this, and its failure to do so throws grave doubt upon its professed sincerity in desiring an early settlement, and makes it difficult to give credence to the statement in the communiqué of the Canton Commissioner of Foreign Affairs that "the Government at Canton, though deeply interested in the issue, was not a party to the strike or boycott." The Canton Government is, of course, responsible for the maintenance of law and order in the areas under its administration; and, inasmuch as it has left unchecked and unpunished the illegal activities of the Canton Strike Committee, directed against this Colony, it is liable for all losses incurred owing to such illegal activities. (Applause).

STRIKE PAY QUESTION.

The Hongkong Government desires an honourable and lasting settlement of the boycott, and remains prepared to negotiate such a settlement with the Canton Government. We in this Colony are animated by the friendliest feelings towards our neighbours in the Kwangtung Province, and we are persuaded that the great mass of the Cantonese people are still, as they used to be, ready and willing to trade with us in the most amicable manner to our mutual advantage. (Applause). Only the unlawful activities of the Canton Strike Committee, instigated by Bolsheviki intrigue, (Continued on Page 6.)

SHORT OF RICE.

SERIOUS POSITION IN KWANGTUNG.

RANGOON SUPPLIES.

It is reported in Canton that the General Chamber of Commerce has petitioned the Canton Government to permit rice merchants to import rice from Rangoon, as the price of the staple has arisen considerably in Hunan and Siam, owing to failure of crops in those places, and that the Committee of Political Affairs, after due deliberation, has approved the petition, a reply to this effect has been sent to the General Chamber of Commerce, and at the same time a communication was sent to the Canton-Hongkong Strike Committee to take note of the Government's decision.

The question of the inadequate supply of rice for Kwangtung has been a source of concern to people for many years, and the condition of the people in the interior has gone from bad to worse on account of the prevalence of banditry throughout the whole province. If the misfortune of a drought should befall Kwangtung, in the coming spring, which is not improbable in view of the fact that the rice crops in the province have been specially favoured for the last three years, serious consequences are feared. The rice of Kwangtung produces during a year is but one-third of the requirements of the people, who for the other two-thirds have to depend upon importation from adjacent countries.

In former times, under bad conditions, rice could be obtained from producing centres in the Yangtze Valley, but no such reliance can now be placed on this source, since the Yangtze provinces are in a state of political turmoil. With the facts thus, a serious situation faces the people of Kwangtung, and it is realised that it is high time practical action was taken.

\$1,000 CLAIM.

TWO DISHONOURED CHEQUES.

In the Summary Court, this morning, Mr. Justice-Wood heard an action involving \$1,000 instituted against H. Pritham Bros. and H. Pritham, a partner, by the Chan Leung Kee Firm, Canton. Mr. M. K. Lo appeared for the plaintiffs.

It appeared that the plaintiffs received two cheques, for \$500 each, drawn on the Ho Hong Bank Ltd., and the Bank of Canton respectively, dated June 29th, and December 10th, 1925. When the cheques were presented at the respective banks they were dishonoured. Notice to that effect had been served on the defendants, but the money had not been paid.

Judgment was given for the plaintiffs, for the full amount.

GERMANY & LEAGUE.

TO APPLY FOR ADMISSION.

Berlin, Feb. 3.
After a stormy session, in the course of which Luther and Herr Stresemann were severely criticised by the National and Communist extremists, the Foreign Affairs Committee of the Reichstag has passed a resolution agreeing not to raise objections against an application for Germany's admission to the League of Nations, and rejecting various counter-motions. The Cabinet will now meet to sign a document applying for Germany's admission which will probably be despatched to Geneva tomorrow.—*Reuter*.

MOTOR SHIP AGROUND IN HARBOUR.

"TONGKING" STRANDED FOR TWO HOURS.

OPPOSITE FERRY WHARF.

The very unusual happening of a steamer going aground in the fairway of the harbour took place this morning when the motor vessel, "Tongking" belonging to the Danish East Asiatic Company (agents, Messrs. John Manners and Co.) grounded on a mudbank just off Kowloon Point, whilst approaching her berth at the Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company.

It was at 7.45 a.m. that the vessel, the position of which was one-and-a-half cables' length off the "Star" Ferry wharf, went aground. She is a boat of 4,244 tons net register, was loaded with over 9,000 tons of cargo and was drawing 28 feet forward and practically 29 feet aft. It was low tide at the time and there could only have been about 24 feet of water at the point where the nose of the vessel went into the mud.

Efforts of the steamer to back herself off failed, and the assistance of the tug Henry Keswick had to be requisitioned. The tide was also rising and it was just before ten o'clock that the vessel was towed off—apparently none the worse.

The Master of the vessel is Captain A. Topp.

CANTON ARMY.

CHANG KAI-SHEK AS GARRISON COMMANDANT.

General Chang Kai-shek resumed his former office of Garrison Commandant of Canton on the 1st instant, with General Wong Kung-mow as assistant. The latter will continue to carry on the routine work, whilst matters of importance will be referred to General Chang. It is stated that the headquarters of the T'ung Marshal at Swatow have been placed by order of the Committee of Military Affairs, and the whole staff has returned to Canton for duties at the headquarters of the Garrison Commandant.

In consequence of the troops belonging to the 2nd Army Corps, who were stationed at Shek Ching for the defence of the Arsenal, having been transferred to the North River sector, General Chang Kai-shek has ordered a regiment of the Super-Disciplined troops, now at Whampoa, to replace them.

GOLD SHIPMENT.

ELABORATE PRECAUTIONS AT NEW YORK.

New York, Feb. 3.
Elaborate precautions, not even ignoring the possibility of sea raids, are being taken to safeguard the delivery of ten million dollars in gold bullion arriving by the steamship Teno from Valparaiso. This is a record gold shipment from South America.

Five armoured cars, equipped with machine-guns and manned by guards armed with revolvers, awaited the ship's arrival at the quay and shepherded the consignment to the vaults of the Federal Reserve Bank.

It is understood that the shipment has been made in connection with the recently-formed Central Bank of Chile. It is also rumoured that a large American loan will be made to Chile.—*Editor's American Service*.

LISBON REVOLT.

ATTACK MADE ON BARRACKS.

VENTURE FAILS.

London, Feb. 3.
Indication that there has been another revolt in Portugal, is contained in Reuter's correspondent at Lisbon sending the following brief cryptic report: "Threatened with investment and bombardment, the revolutionaries surrendered unconditionally at eight o'clock." Earlier despatches have presumably been held up by the Censor.—*Reuter*.

Lisbon, Feb. 3.
The previously cabled despatch to-day referred to the surrender of the revolutionaries at eight in the morning, after a quiet night.

The despatches of yesterday's date state that the revolutionaries consisted of radical elements, including civilians and a number of non-commissioned officers of the Vandalinas Musketry School, and were commanded by ex-Major Lacerda Almeida, who was an instructor in heavy artillery in England during the war. They attacked the barracks of the Republican guard in Compelide but the attempt failed. Colonel Esteves and two other officers together with a number of civilians were arrested in front of the barracks. A band of revolutionaries, at nightfall, concentrated at Almada, on the left bank of the Tagus, with six guns. The President of the Republic, who was travelling in the north of Portugal was recalled and he returned to Lisbon by special train at nine o'clock in the evening and conferred with ministers at Carmo Barracks.

The revolutionaries were surrounded by loyal troops of the Government, to which all forces on land and sea are loyal, who warned the inhabitants of Cacilhas and Almada that the positions of the revolutionaries would be bombarded until they were completely defeated.—*Reuter*.

MORE ROBBERIES.

CHINESE WOMAN STABBED.

At midnight on the 2nd robbers entered a hut occupied by an opium dross dealer and other men and stole from the former money and jewellery to the value of \$101. It is learned that five Chinese men and women have been detained in connection with this case.

Breaking into the railway shed at Chatham Road last night, thieves stole \$15.50 and escaped. Frightened by the presence of a man in her room at 2.30 this morning, a woman who lives in a new house on the reclamation at Wanchai, screamed for help and was stabbed several times by the intruder. He made his escape before the police arrived. Nothing was stolen. The woman who was not seriously injured refused to go to hospital.

CYCLIST FINED.

KNOCKED DOWN ARMY SERGEANT.

A Shanghai Chinese, arrested by the police yesterday, appeared before Major C. Willson this morning. Charged with riding a push bicycle recklessly, it was related of him that on running into and injuring an Army Sergeant named Cross, in Des Voeux Road Central yesterday, he merely grinned broadly at the Sergeant and remounted his bicycle to go on his way. Following up the offender, Sergeant Cross gave him into the charge of a constable. A conviction was registered, the Magistrate inflicting a fine of \$5.

FARMERS' MILITIA BEING FORMED.

TO REPLACE THE LOCAL GUARDS.

A KWANGTUNG MOVEMENT.

A report to hand states that representatives of the Local Guards belonging to over one hundred villages within the jurisdiction of Honam, Shung Man and Kow Tong Sze, held a meeting for the purpose of deciding to form a Farmers' Joint Union and of changing the name of Local Guards to that of Farmers' Militia.

General Li Fook-lum attended the meeting and was the principal speaker. In the course of his speech, he said that the Government, in pursuing the policy laid down by the Kuomintang, had decided to push on with the organization of the Farmers' Union, and to abolish the system of Local Guards, reorganising them as the Farmers' Militia. This being the fixed purpose of the Government, it would be better for the Local Guards themselves to change the system voluntarily than to wait for orders from the Government to do so. In such a case the Government, instead of interfering with affairs, would afford every facility to place the organization on a proper footing.

After General Li's speech, the meeting unanimously agreed to the suggestion of General Li, and a committee of five members was elected to make the necessary preparations to organize the Farmers' Union first, and to wait on the Government for further instructions. This is the first step in carrying out of the plan of eliminating the power of the gentry and elders, which was referred to some time ago.

GALLANTRY AT SEA.

MEDALS TO PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT'S CREW.

London, Feb. 3.
His Majesty the King, upon the recommendation of the Board of Trade has awarded gold medals for gallantry in saving life at sea to twenty of the President Roosevelt's crew, including posthumous awards to the two men drowned. The Board has also awarded pieces of plate to Capt. Fried and three officers, whilst Lloyds have awarded their silver medal to the latter four and their bronze medal to the crews of the rescuing boats.—*Reuter*.

OFFICERS' NAMES.

Rugby, Feb. 3.
Lloyds have awarded the Lloyds' silver medal for saving life at sea to Captain George Fried, Commander of the United States liner, President Roosevelt, and to Chief Officer Miller, Third Officer Sloane and Fourth Officer Upton, who were in charge of the lifeboat that rescued the crew of the British freighter, Antioch. They have also awarded their bronze medal to the crews of the lifeboat.—*British Wireless*.

QUARREL OVER WAITRESS.

SEQUEL IN COURT.

In a charge of assault heard by Mr. Major C. Willson, at the Central Magistracy to-day, it was stated that a woman was involved in the case. This woman was employed as a waitress in an eating house in Des Voeux Road Central, and the assault was committed by a jealous admirer on a customer with whom she was at the time engaged in conversation. The defendant, who was arrested by policemen called in by the proprietor, had bailed himself out in the sum of \$25. This was extracted on his failing to appear in the case.

COUNCIL TRIBUTE

TO HONGKONG'S NEW KNIGHTS.

TO-DAY'S SPEECHES.

Congratulations on well-deserved honours were tendered to His Excellency the Governor, Sir Cecil Clementi, K.C.M.G. and Sir Shou-son Chow, by Sir Henry Pollock, the Senior Unofficial Member of the Legislative Council, at this morning's meeting.

HONOUR TO COLONY.

Sir Henry Pollock pointed out that that was the first meeting of the Council since the New Year Honours were conferred, and he desired on behalf of the Council to tender congratulations to His Excellency upon his having been bestowed upon him the Knight Commander of the Most Distinguished Order of St. Michael and St. George. It was an Order which in the usual course was bestowed upon Governors of this Colony, but in that particular case, they felt special pleasure when they recollected that His Excellency started his career in the Civil Service in Hongkong, and that of his total period of service, he had spent more than half his time in the Civil Service in the service of the Colony of Hongkong. They felt that it was an honour not only to His Excellency, but to the Colony.

VALUED ADVICE.

Sir Henry Pollock then referred to the anxious period at which His Excellency had returned to the Colony, and added that his straightforward speech this morning would meet with the hearty approval of all members of the community.

Sir Henry then congratulated Sir Shou-son Chow upon the honour which His Majesty had been pleased to bestow. Sir Shou-son Chow could claim a remote connection with the Colony because in the days before the British took over the island he had ancestors living in the region of Stanley. Sir Shou-son Chow had had a very distinguished career. For many years he held important posts in the Imperial Government of China and he discharged those posts with great credit. (Applause). For twelve years past he had been resident in Hongkong and he had always put a great deal of his time to the public service. He had done much to further the welfare of the Colony by sitting on the numerous and important committees. They had had the pleasure of his presence at the Council for the past four years and they had always valued his advice.

Sir Henry Pollock then referred to the excellent work put in by Sir Shou-son Chow and the Hon. Dr. R. H. Kotewall during the period of unrest which has existed in the Colony for the past seven months. Those behind the scenes could appreciate that work more fully than the members of the general public. He could safely say that the honour accorded Sir Shou-son Chow was appreciated by all sections and races of this community. (Applause).

GOVERNOR'S REPLY.

His Excellency the Governor, replying, said he wished to thank Sir Henry Pollock very sincerely for the manner in which he had congratulated him upon the honour bestowed by His Majesty.

He desired to convey to the Council and through the Council to the whole community, his warmest thanks for the welcome accorded him on his return to the Colony.

It had been of the greatest possible encouragement to him in discharging the heavy and anxious duties which had devolved upon him as Governor, and he was most grateful.

"THANK YOU."

Sir Shou-son Chow said he wished to thank the Council for their congratulations and also Sir Henry Pollock for his kind remarks which, he said, were undeserved. They had affected him so much that he hardly knew what to say and he would say the shortest "thank you."

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INDIAN POLICEMAN MURDERED.

CHINESE CONSTABLE ON
CAPITAL CHARGE.

Fatal Shot Fired at Very
Close Range.

The case in which a Chinese constable is charged with the murder of an Indian policeman was resumed before Mr. R. E. Liddell at the Central Magistracy yesterday. Mr. M. H. Liddell, assistant Crown prosecutor, prosecuted and defence was not legally represented.

Facsimile plans and photographs of the Volunteer parade ground and surrounding district were produced. Dr. W. L. Paterson, of the Government Civil Hospital, said he examined the body of the Indian constable on January 22, and found a gunshot wound in the left groin. As far as he could tell at that time, death appeared to be due to internal hemorrhage.

He also examined the defendant on the same night. He had scratches on the face and elbow, and also on the front of the leg. They appeared to be recent injuries, and could have been caused by a fall. He did not think they had been caused by a blow from a truncheon.

Shot at Close Range.

Dr. E. P. Minett, Government Bacteriologist and Officer in charge of Mortuaries, said he conducted a post mortem examination on January 23. There were one or two slight cuts on the hands, and a bullet hole in the left groin.

There was a large swelling on the right hip, and a bullet was extracted from just below it. It had passed across the lower portion of the abdominal cavity and injured two large blood vessels. The cause of death was hemorrhage and shock as a result of the bullet wound.

There was distinct charring of the skin at the point of entry. The course of the bullet was slightly above the horizontal.

The trousers and coat worn by the Indian were produced in Court, and witness said that there was a hole in both garments and also evidence of charring. In his opinion the shot had been fired at a range of not more than 18 inches.

Signs of a Struggle.

Lance-Sergeant Read said he issued revolvers to both men on the night of the tragedy before they went on duty. Both weapons were fully loaded.

Inspector Spear said defendant joined the force on September 8, 1924, being recruited from Wei-hai-wei. The Indian joined on March 9, 1923. On the night of January 22, witness was on duty in the Charge Room, and he saw the Indian brought to the station. He was sitting in a sedan chair, and appeared to be dead.

Defendant was on a bench in the Charge Room. His revolver contained five bullets and one empty shell. His clothes were dusty and he appeared to have been on the ground. The top of his truncheon bore recent scratch marks, and the Indian's uniform suggested that he had been on the ground also. His revolver was fully loaded.

Other evidence showed that the part of the parade ground near the entrance showed signs of a struggle, when it was examined.

The hearing was adjourned until next Monday.

KOWLOON RESIDENTS.

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The Playground Request.

A monthly meeting of the Kowloon Residents' Association was held at St. Andrew's Church Hall, Kowloon, on Jan. 18, the President, Mr. S. Bailey, being in the chair.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The Hon. Treasurer, Mr. J. M. Alve, submitted his report for the year ending December 31, 1925, which was adopted.

The draft of the annual report for 1925 was also considered, and adopted, and ordered to be printed for circulation.

Cleaning Servants Quarters.

A letter from the Sanitary Board was read stating that the Board had decided it advisable to extend to servants' quarters of European houses in Kowloon the system of house cleansing, which the Board may order under Bylaw No. 1 of the prevention and mitigation of epidemic, endemic, contagious and infectious diseases bylaws, and which had for many years been in force in Hongkong (except in the Peak district) and had been found, apart from the general cleanliness assured, to facilitate a regular sanitary inspection of premises, so that householders might be informed of any sanitary defects to be remedied.

The Board had instructed their secretary to approach the Association on this subject as a first step, hoping the proposed innovation might have the full approval of the Association's members.

The Committee of the K. R. A., while fully approving the general principle of the system of house cleansing, considered fuller information desirable as to application of the bylaw to European houses, and the Hon. Secretary was instructed to write the Sanitary Board to this effect.

Mr. Hidden's Departure.

A letter was read from Mr. S. H. Hidden resigning from the committee on his leaving the Colony, and wishing the Association every success, and the thanks of the Committee were conveyed to Mr. Hidden for his valuable services.

Children's Playground.

The Chairman reported that, as instructed by the Committee, he had called on the then Colonial Secretary, Mr. Fletcher, who, with him and the Sub-Committee, had inspected the grounds and promised his best endeavours to secure for the children the additional area of 20,000 square feet back from the road traffic and for which the Association had asked the Government. The Chairman had also that day, December 18, called on the present Colonial Secretary, Mr. Halifax, who had assured the Chairman that the matter would receive the most sympathetic consideration of the Government.

Arrangements were made for the annual meeting of the Association, to be held in St. Andrew's Church Hall at 6 o'clock on Monday, February 22, and with a vote of thanks to the President, the meeting closed.

GREEK COMMUNISTS.

PLOT TO ASSASSINATE
PREMIER.

Athens, Feb. 3.

A Communist plot to assassinate the Premier, Gen. Pangalos, has been discovered. There have been numerous arrests.—*Reuter.*

DISARMAMENT.

A CODE REQUIRED.

Rugby, Feb. 3.

In his reference to the meeting of the preparatory commission to the Disarmament Conference, the postponement of which has been proposed by the five Powers who are members of the League Council, the Prime Minister said last night that Britain was obliged to assent to the desire of the majority in this matter. He added that Russia had been invited to attend and it was hoped that delay would give her time to think over the matter and make up her mind to participate, because one of the greatest practical difficulties in approaching the subject of disarmament is that it would be almost impracticable for the West of Europe to make any progress in disarmament without the East of Europe. The preparatory Commission will be held after the League Council meeting in March and before the middle of May.

A Code Required.

Commenting on the preparatory commission, the *Times* points out that its purpose will be to prepare the ground to define as closely as possible what exactly is meant by disarmament, to judge how far more numbers of soldiers, sailors and airmen can be taken as an index of armed strength and to what extent rapidly in the mobilization of men and of economic resources is a measurable factor.

What is required is a code of disarmament rules so that when nations feel disposed to diminish their expenditure upon armed forces, they may be able to do it upon some agreed system and without placing themselves at a disadvantage in regard to other nations. The whole problem bristles with difficulties, but it is the peculiar business of the League to make what progress is possible in the present temper of mankind. It is satisfactory to note that the United States intends to take an official and responsible part in the preliminary work and

COBBHAM'S FLIGHT.

ONLY 1,000 MILES MORE.

Rugby, Feb. 3.

Alan Cobham yesterday completed 7,000 of his 8,000 miles flight from London to Cape Town, and made a perfect landing at Pretoria, after a 430 miles flight from Bulawayo.

The rarified air at Bulawayo, which is 5,000 feet above sea level, caused Cobham some difficulty in rising from the aerodrome.

The next stage in the flight will be to Johannesburg, on Friday.—*British Wireless.*

Germany has also signified her intention of sending representatives.

If the difference between Russia and Switzerland is settled by the time the conference meets, nineteen of the principal nations of the world will, for the first time, be making a serious, organised and systematic attempt to approach to the goal of disarmament.—*British Wireless.*



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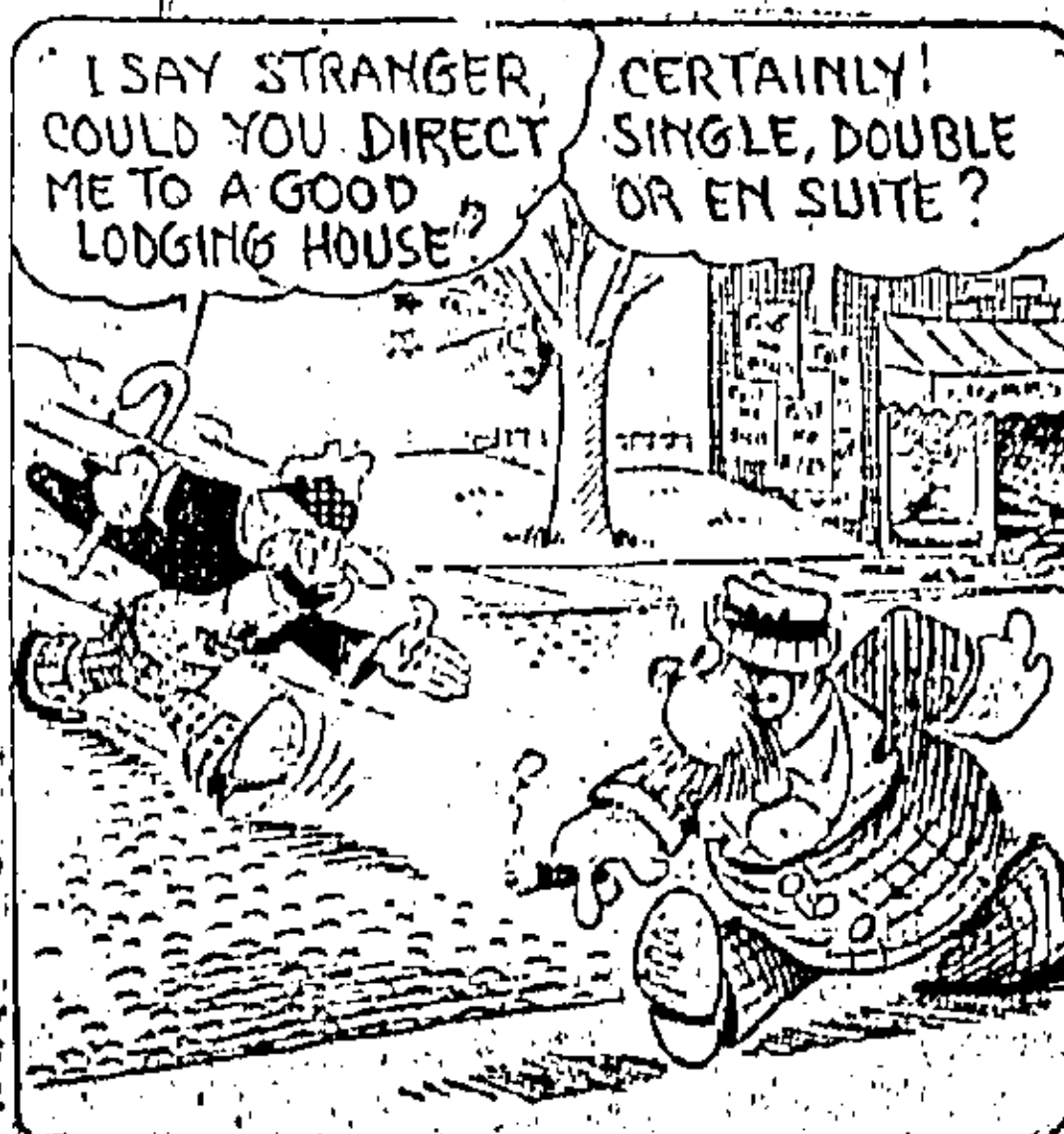
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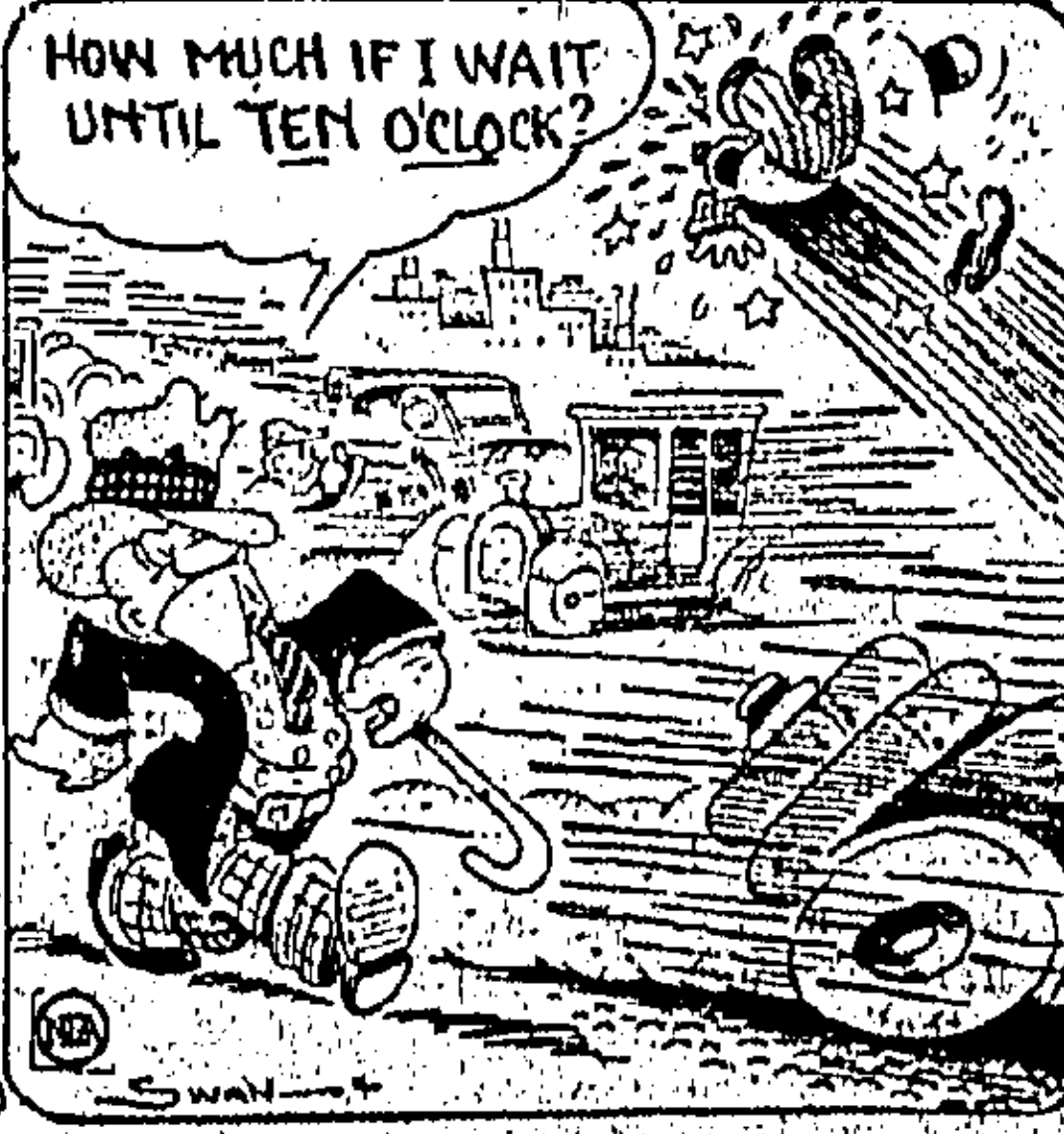


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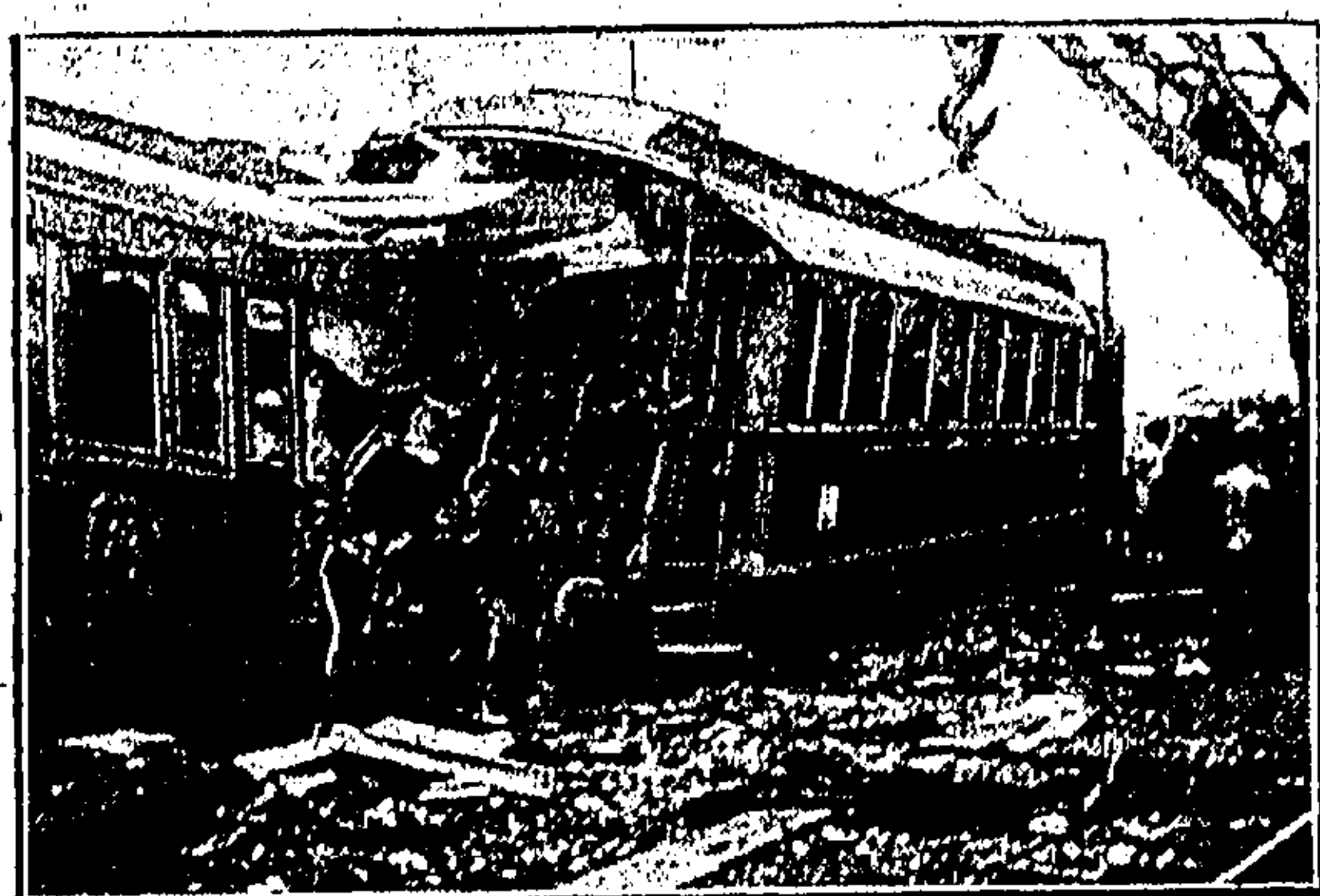


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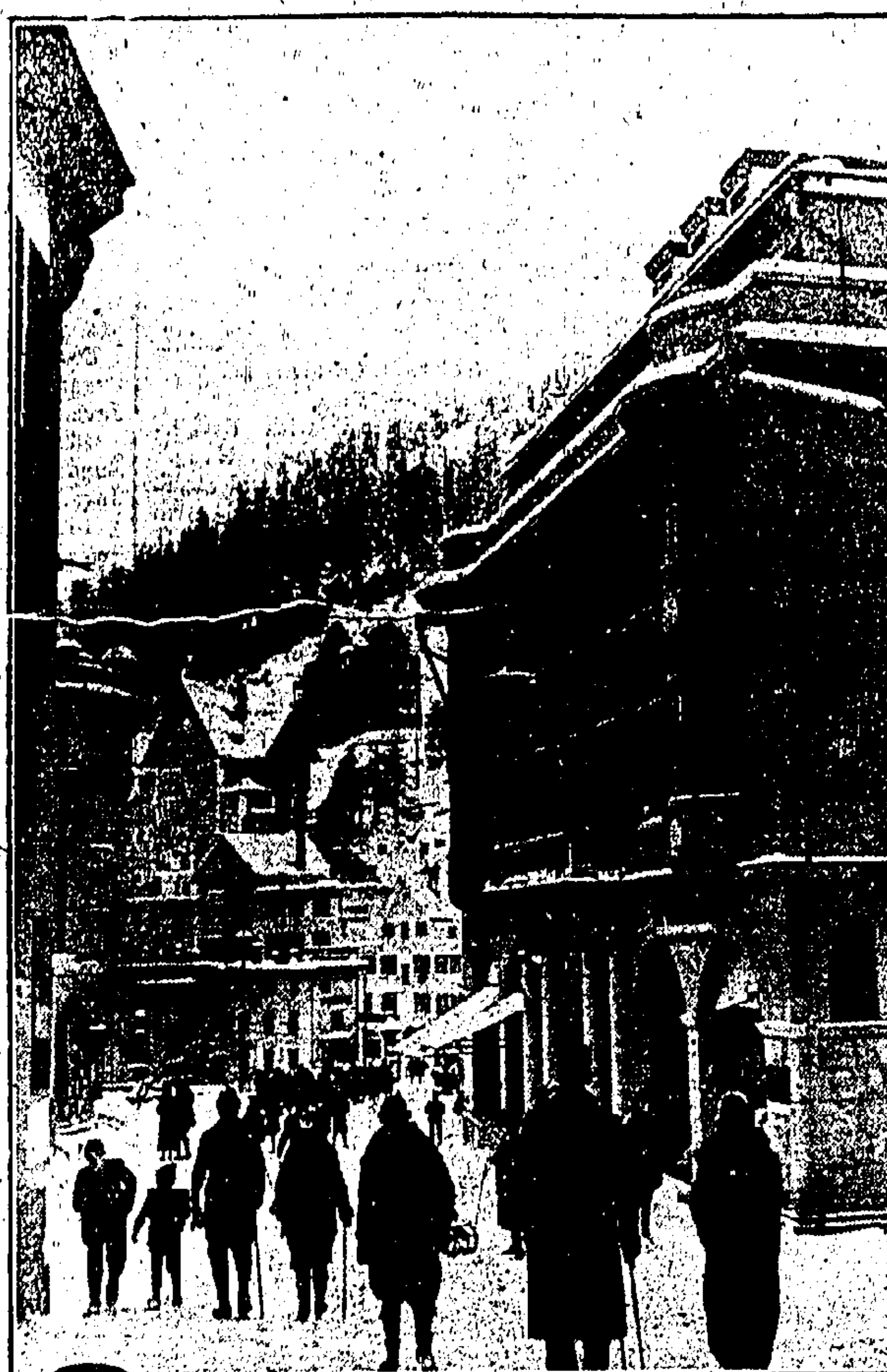
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Holiday Making in Switzerland.



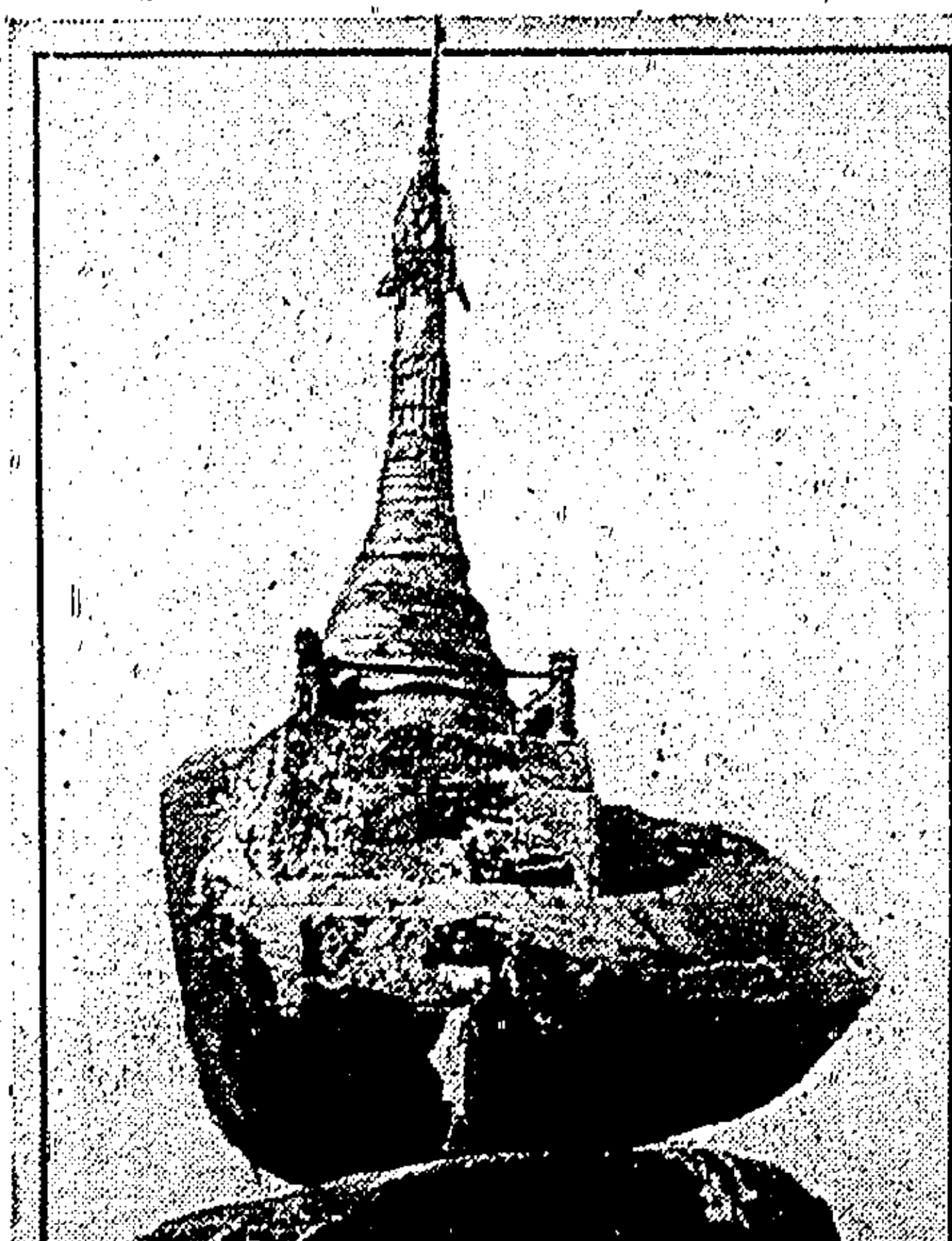
Numbers of British holiday makers were abroad for the Christmas holiday, many going to the Swiss Alpine resorts for the early winter season. A scene in the street of St. Moritz. (Times copyright).



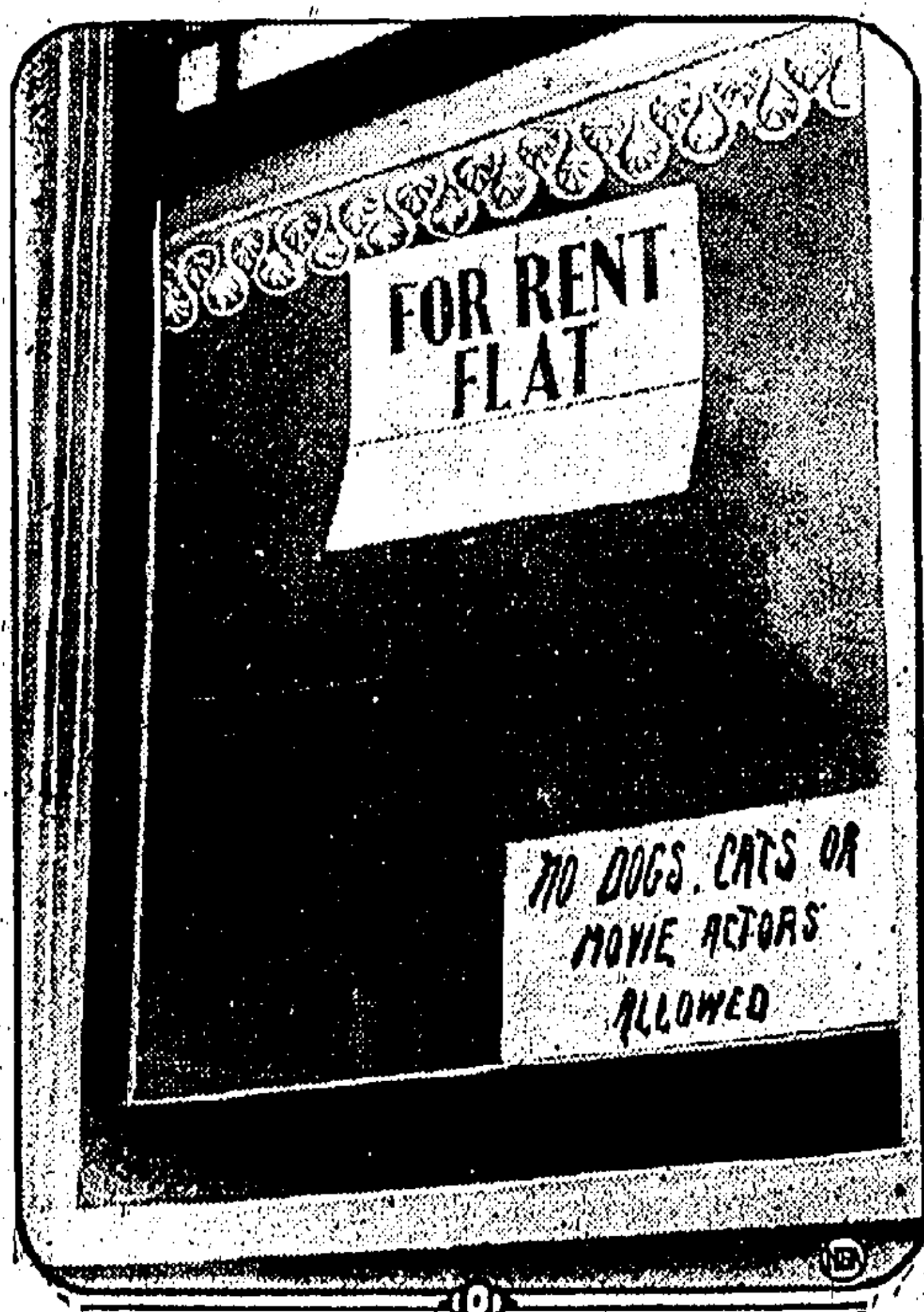
The French High Commissioner in Syria, decorating a woman in Beirut with the Croix de Guerre for her heroism in bringing an aerial message through the Druse lines to the besieged garrison of Rashidya. (Times copyright).



Hockey calls for lots of action and plenty of bruises. The Surrey goal keeper is getting both, but she is preventing the aggressive Hertfordshire player from scoring. The game was played at Merton Abbey, England.



This picture shows the celebrated Sampan pagoda in India where thousands of pilgrims go annually.



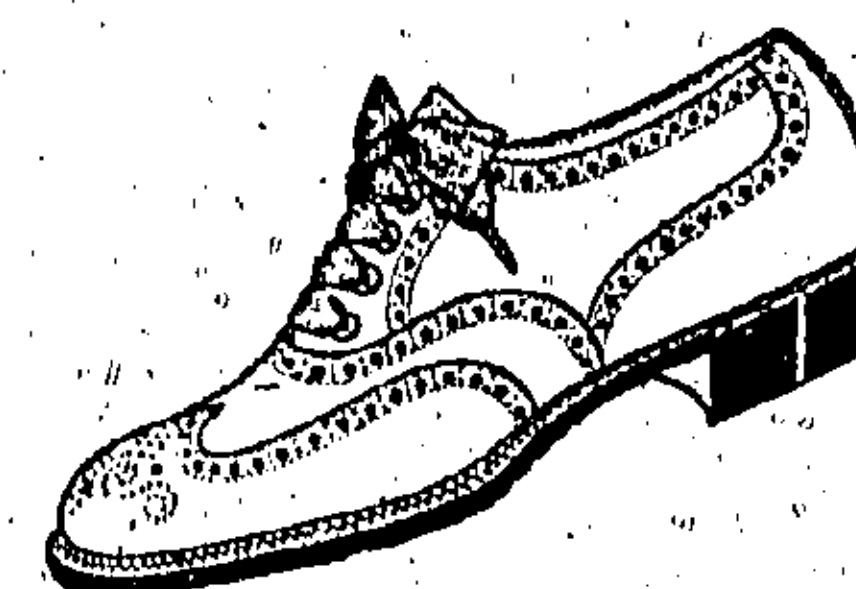
This is snapshot of an apartment house window in Hollywood, California where the movie actors live.



American army polo experts are here seen in a practice game in sunny California.

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LOST.—Two Chinese Embroideries whilst walking through Hongkong Hotel and Jade Tree. Will Finder kindly communicate with Mrs. A. Morley Horder, Peak 43, Reward.

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NOTICE is hereby given that the SEVENTH ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the Registered Office of the Company No. 10, Des Voeux Road Central, at 3.30 p.m. Saturday February the 6th 1926, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1925. The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from Saturday 30th January to Saturday, 6th February 1926 (both days inclusive) during which period no transfer of shares can be registered. By Order of the Board of Directors,

KAN TONG PO,
Chief Manager.

THE HONGKONG CANTON & MACAO STEAMBOAT CO., LTD.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS

THE ONE HUNDRED AND SIXTH ORDINARY MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS in the Company will be held at the Office of the Company, No. 4a, Des Voeux Road, on TUESDAY 16th FEBRUARY 1926 at 12 o'clock Noon, for the purpose of receiving a Report of the Directors, together with a Statement of Accounts, and electing Directors and Auditors.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be closed from WEDNESDAY 3rd FEBRUARY to TUESDAY 16th FEBRUARY 1926, both days inclusive, during which period no transfer of shares can be registered. By Order of the Board of Directors,

JOHN ARNOLD,
Secretary.

Hongkong, 26th January, 1926.

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No claims will be admitted after the goods have left the godowns, and all goods remaining undelivered after the 8th inst., will be subject to rent.

All claims against the steamer must be presented to the Under-signed on or before 22nd inst., or they will not be recognised.

All broken, chafed and damaged goods are to be left in the godowns, where they will be examined on the 8th inst., at 10 a.m.

No Fire Insurance has been effected. Bills of Lading will be countersigned by

GIBB, LIVINGSTON & CO., LTD.
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Hongkong, 1st Feb., 1926.

THE HONGKONG & KOWLOON WHARF & GODOWN CO., LTD.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE THIRTY-NINTH ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the Office of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., on TUESDAY, February 23rd, 1926, at 11 a.m., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors and the Statement of Accounts for the year ended December 31st, 1925.

THE TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from Friday, February 12th, 1926, to Tuesday, February 23rd, 1926, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

F. H. CRAPNELL,
Acting Secretary.

Hongkong, Feb. 4, 1926.

HUMPHREYS ESTATE AND FINANCE COMPANY, LTD.

Notice is hereby given that the ANNUAL ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS in this Company will be held at the Hongkong Hotel, Hongkong, on SATURDAY, the 20th February, 1926, at 11 a.m., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1925.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be closed from the 10th February, to the 22nd February (both days inclusive), during which period no transfer of Shares can be Registered.

JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON,
General Managers.

Hongkong, Feb. 3, 1926.

NOTICE.

HONGKONG HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY.

The Annual Show of Flowers and Vegetables will be held at Volunteer Headquarters on Thursday, 11th March, 1926.

Entries will definitely close at 1 p.m. on Monday, 1st March, 1926, at the Hon. Secretary's Office, but it is hoped that intending Exhibitors will send in their Entries as early as possible.

Schedules are now being printed and will be posted at an early date.

Members who have not yet paid their subscription and all those who wish to join the Society are kindly requested to send \$5 immediately to the Hon. Secretary, Mr. E. B. C. Hornell, c/o Messrs. Jardine Matheson & Co., Ltd.

Hongkong, Feb. 2, 1926.

THE HONGKONG ROPE MANUFACTURING CO., LTD.

With reference to the Notice to the Shareholders of this Company dated 29th October, 1925, whereby the Final Call of \$5.00 per share on the new shares was made payable on 1st February, 1926, instead of 2nd November, 1925, the General Managers and Consulting Committee have decided, in view of the conditions prevailing at present, to further extend the time for payment of this Call.

Notice is accordingly hereby given that the date for payment of the Final Call is postponed to 1st April, 1926, and that the Form of Bankers' Receipt already sent to Shareholders can be used as though the date named therein were the 1st April, 1926.

For the Hongkong Rope Manufacturing Company, Limited,
SHEWAN TOMES & CO.,
General Managers.

Hongkong, January 27, 1926.

HONGKONG TRAMWAYS LTD.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the REGISTER OF MEMBERS OF Hongkong Tramways Limited will be closed from Friday, February 12th to Thursday, February 25th, 1926, both days inclusive.

By order of the Board,
W. F. SIMMONS,
Secretary.

Hongkong, 2nd Feb. 1926.

LAMMERT'S AUCTIONS

PUBLIC AUCTION.

The Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction,

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A Large Quantity of Valuable Household Furniture.

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Hongkong, February 1, 1926.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

The Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction,

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the 5th February, 1926, at 11 a.m., at their Sales Rooms, Duddell Street (for account of the concerned).

3 Cases Artificial Silk Fancy

and

1 Case Poplin.

Terms:—Cash on delivery.

LAMMERT BROS.,
Auctioneers.

Hongkong, February 2, 1926.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

The Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction,

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the 5th February, 1926, commencing at 5.15 p.m., at their Sales Room, Duddell Street.

A Valuable Collection of Postage Stamps.

(Full particulars from catalogue). On View from Thursday, the 4th February, 1926.

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LAMMERT BROS.,
Auctioneers.

Hongkong, January 30, 1926.

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PUBLIC AUCTION.

The Undersigned have received instructions from Messrs. Goh Guan Hin, to sell by Public Auction

on FRIDAY,

the 5th February, 1926, commencing at 11 a.m., at their Sales Room, Duddell Street.

(for account of the concerned.)

800 Bags No. 24 Java White Sugar—1925 June Shipment from Java.

4600 Bags No. 24 Java White Sugar—1925 July Shipment from Java.

1500 Bags No. 24 Java White Sugar—1925 August Shipment from Java.

400 Bags No. 24 Java White Sugar—1925 September Shipment from Java.

400 Bags No. 24 Java White Sugar—1925 October Shipment from Java.

900 Bags No. 24 Java White Sugar—1925 November Shipment from Java.

100 Bags No. 24 Java White Sugar—Spot Cargo.

(The Goods are now stored in the Godowns of the China Provident Loan & Mortgage Co., Ltd., West Point.)

(Should intending buyers wish to purchase smaller lots than stated above, it will be necessary for them to inform the Auctioneers, before the Sale.)

Terms:—As Customary.

LAMMERT BROS.,
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Hongkong, Feb. 3, 1926.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

The Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction on

Friday, the 5th February 1926 at 11 a.m.

at their Sales Room, Duddell Street (for account of the concerned)

1 Case Printed Maltos and

1 Case Artificial Silk Fancy

Terms:—Cash on Delivery

LAMMERT BROS.,
Auctioneers.

Hongkong, Feb. 4, 1926.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

The Undersigned have received instructions from Messrs. Yau Lee Yuen to sell by Public Auction,

on SATURDAY,

the 6th February, 1926, commencing at 11 a.m., at their Sales Room, Duddell Street (for account of the concerned).

700 Bags Java White Sugar Dutch Standard 25 and Higher—1925 November Shipment from Java.

900 Bags Java White Sugar Dutch Standard 25 and Higher—1925 December Shipment from Java.

500 Bags Java White Sugar Dutch Standard 25 and Higher—Spot Cargo arrived by s.s. "Tjibesar."

(The above goods are now stored in the Godowns of the China Provident Loan & Mortgage Co., Ltd., West Point.)

(Should intending buyers wish to purchase smaller lots than stated above, it will be necessary for them to inform the Auctioneers before the sale.)

Terms:—As customary.

LAMMERT BROS.,
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Hongkong, Feb. 4, 1926.

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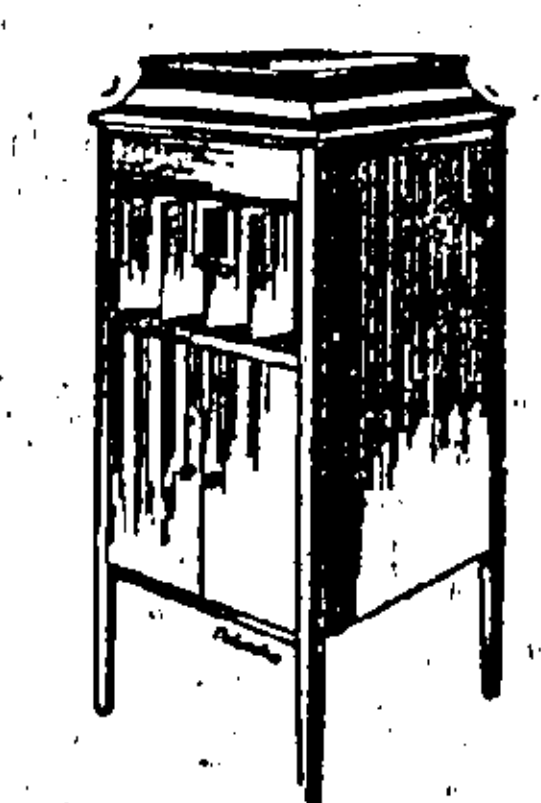
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CONSIGNEE NOTICE

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having arrived, Consignees of cargo are hereby informed that all goods are being landed and placed at their risk into the hazardous and/or extra hazardous Godowns of The Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company Limited, where delivery can be obtained as soon as the goods are landed.

No claims will be admitted after the goods have left the Godowns and all goods remaining undelivered after the 11th of February 1926, 4 p.m. will be subject to rent.

All broken, chafed and damaged goods are to be left in the Godown, where they will be examined by Messrs. Anderson & Ashe on the 10th of February 1926 at 10 a.m.

All claims against the vessel must be presented to the Under-signed before the 15th of Feb. 1926, or they will not be recognised.

No Fire Insurance will be effected.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by

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NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES

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are hereby notified that the cargo will be discharged into Holt's Wharf, Kowloon, where it will lie at Consignee's risk and subject to terms and conditions of storage at Holt's Wharf. The Cargo will be ready for delivery from Godown on after 4th February.

Optional cargo will be landed, unless notice has been given prior to steamer's arrival.

All broken, chafed, and damaged goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on any Tuesdays and Fridays between the hours of 10.45 a.m. and noon within the free storage period.

No claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the steamer's Godown, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 10th February, will be subject to rent.

All Claims against the Steamer must be presented to the undersigned on or before the 24th February, or they will not be recognised.

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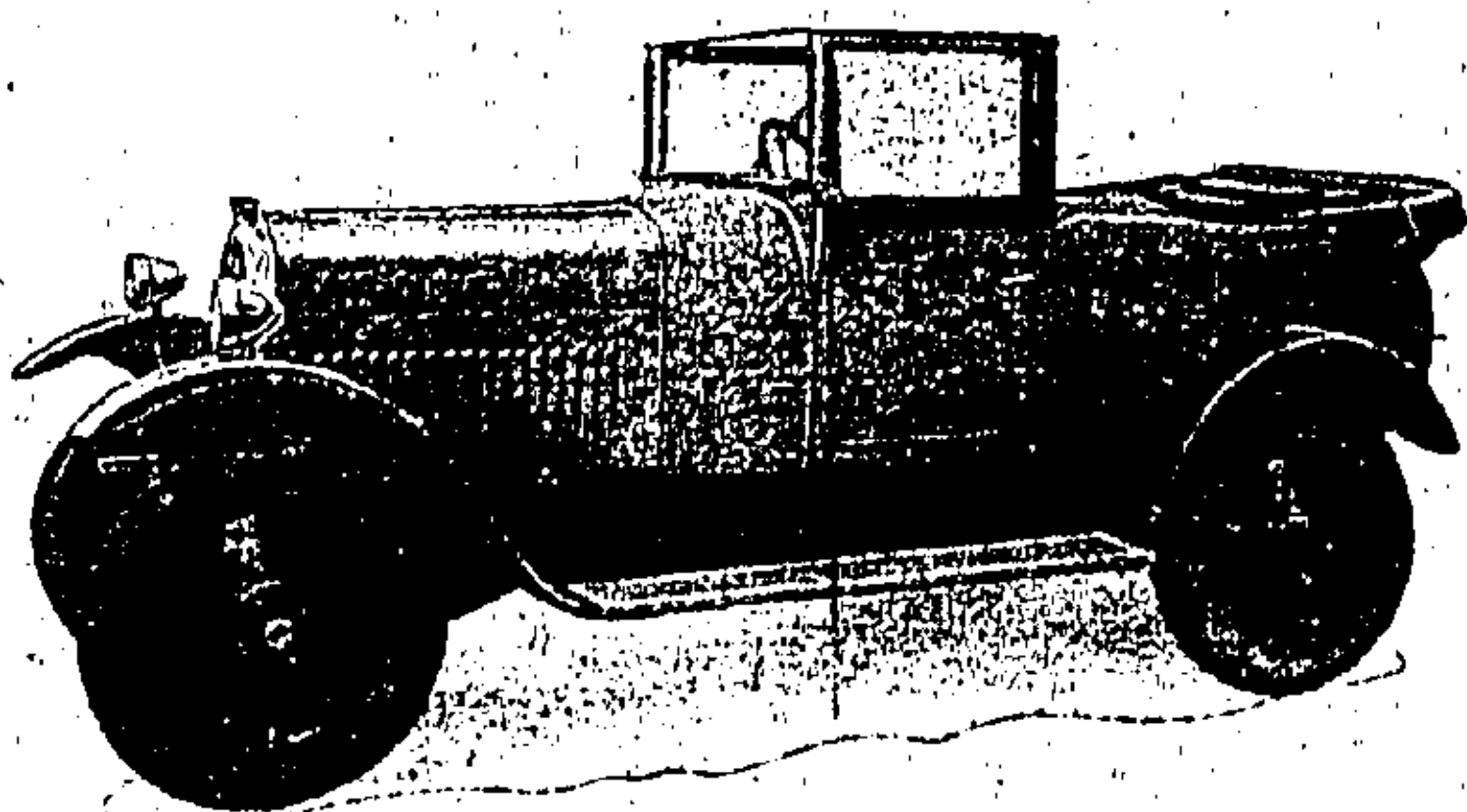


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BRITAIN'S AGRICULTURE.

GOVERNMENT POLICY OUTLINED.

Co-Operative Marketing.

Rugby, Feb. 3.

The Government's agricultural policy is outlined in a White Paper issued last night.

It states that the question of granting a subsidy for encouragement of corn growing had been considered and rejected. The policy of granting easier credit for farmers had been adopted instead, and it is stated that discussions are proceeding with a view to the preparation of a scheme on a sound commercial basis for short term credit, for improvements and land purchase, with the object of bringing credit machinery more into line with the existing economic needs of the industry.

Other principal points of policy are, the development of small holdings on sound lines and extended powers in this connection for County Councils.

A policy of afforestation is to be carried out without interruption. A vote is to be made of £1,000,000 for grants for approved drainage schemes during the next five years.

Improvement of rural roads is to be extended so far as funds permit.

There is to be continued development of the sugar-beet industry.

Sympathetic consideration will be given to applications for assistance in co-operative marketing.

The combined effect of these proposals will, in the opinion of the Government, go far to provide assistance and the confidence required to enable agriculture to make its contributions to the life of the nation, and enable all classes in the industry to organise their business on a sound economic basis.—British Wireless.

TRAM CAR ACCIDENT.

INQUIRY INTO DEATH OF A WOMAN.

Fatal Walk Across the Road.

Further evidence was taken before Major C. Willson at the Central Magistracy yesterday at the inquiry into the death of a Chinese woman who was knocked down and fatally injured by a tram car near the Tai Ping Theatre. At the previous hearing last week it was stated that the woman had bound feet.

A hawk was called yesterday, and said that just prior to the accident the woman approached the standard between the two sets of tram rails from the land side. She stopped by the standard, and at that time witness saw trams coming in both directions. When the woman was knocked down the car travelled some distance before it stopped.

The tram did not appear to slacken speed as it approached the woman. The witness thought the driver failed to see the woman, and did not stop until some one called out.

A servant girl who was with the woman at the time of the accident, said they intended to board a car going to Kennedy Town. The woman went to the standard between the tracks, apparently thinking that she could board a car there. This witness gave a similar account of the accident as that furnished by the previous one. The inquiry was adjourned.

AMERICA'S POLICY.

DEFINED IN WHITE HOUSE STATEMENT.

World, Court and League.

London, Feb. 3.

The Times' Washington correspondent states that in view of exaggerated statements in and out of Congress relative to the administration policy, President Coolidge has issued a statement, through the White House spokesman, regretting the postponement of the preliminary disarmament conference at Geneva, and earnestly hoping that the delay is only temporary.

With regard to adherence to the World Court, which is represented in some American quarters as the first step towards membership of the League of Nations, Mr. Coolidge emphasises that the Court is a judicial body, while the League is a political institution. Approval of one does not indicate a change of attitude towards the other, which remains unmodified.—Reuter.

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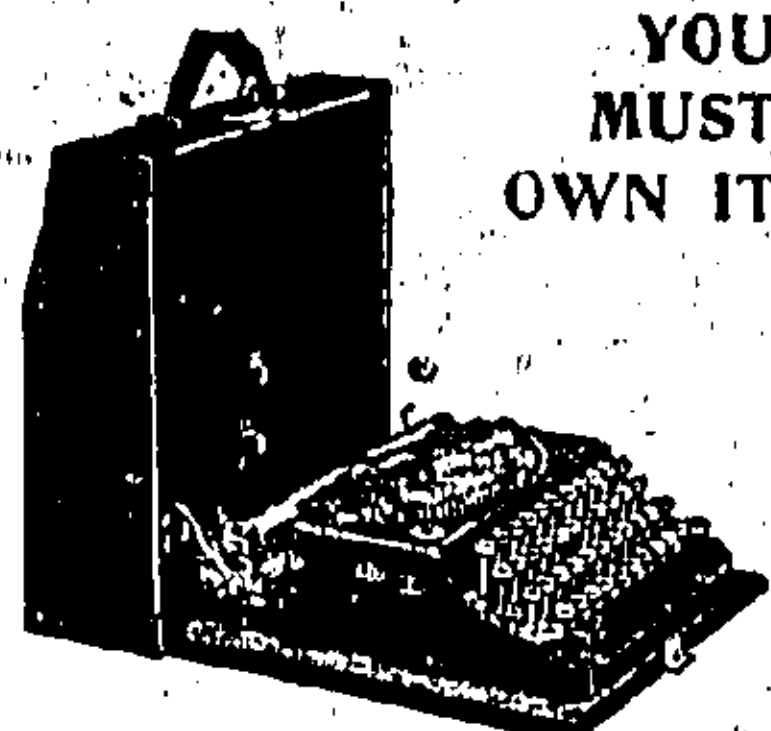
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THURSDAY, FEB. 4, 1926.

ANTI-COMMUNISM.

In view of the intensive campaign which is undoubtedly being carried on in the Far East just now by Communists, it is perhaps just as well that some organised effort should be made to combat the pernicious doctrines which are being preached by political extremists in this part of the world. We can therefore welcome the formation of the Constitutional Defence League in Shanghai, the special function of which will be to offset the propaganda of the Third Internationale and of Communist bodies in general. The objects for which this body has been formed must appeal to all right-thinking people, for in the forefront of its programme is the upholding of constitutional methods as distinct from the subversive and revolutionary policies of those who seek to destroy rather than to build up.

These are days when the cause of constitutionalism needs all the advocacy it can secure, for the disciples of the opposite school of political thought are spreading their doctrines abroad with a zeal and energy which bespeak great trouble in the future unless steps are taken to enlighten the masses regarding the fallacies which these mischief-makers seek to propagate. We are gratified also to observe that the Shanghai movement has amongst its objects the fostering of unity and goodwill between all classes and nations, for the danger of Communism can only be dissipated by the constitutionalists of all classes and peoples uniting together. So far as Hongkong is concerned, whilst we are happy in the knowledge that the general public is thoroughly in sympathy with the movement, it is obvious that no organised effort can be undertaken in this Colony as is being done in Shanghai. The Government here could not countenance the formation of any political organisation, however laudable its aims might be. It is true that sponsors of the Shanghai league assert that it is not in any way connected with any political party; that may be so, but, inasmuch as it has been created for the express purpose of opposing a worldwide political organisation, it obviously takes on the complexion of a political body.

Neither Communists nor anti-Communists can hope to make this Colony a base for their activities. It is only right and proper that the authorities should discourage any attempt to involve Hongkong in political controversies of any kind.

It is at any rate comforting in these times to realise that there are in all parts of the world responsible groups of men who perceive the insidious evil which Communism spells to mankind. In this connection, all constitutionalists will welcome the action just taken by the Labour Party at Home to cancel the affiliations of three London branches which have been espousing the Communist cause. That fact is sufficient to show that even the more advanced section of British politicians is thoroughly conscious of the disintegrating influences of the out-and-out Communists. British Labour has evidently no time for the "Reds," and that is a most hopeful and cheering sign.

Disarmament.

With characteristic simplicity of phrase and directness of understanding, Mr. Stanley Baldwin, the British Premier, has put the matter of disarmament very simply. In the course of his reply to the debate in the House of Commons on the King's Speech he remarked that unless there was a will to disarm, disarmament would never make any progress, and although anyone might well say, "Of course, but surely that goes for granted," it is undoubtedly important to get that viewpoint well established. America will definitely be coming into the proposed conference, but it is not yet certain whether Germany or Russia can be attracted, and the difficulty of beginning a "parley" on such a topic is that unless all nations are equally interested, the will to disarm possessed by the others is rendered of no effective value. It is imperative that a preliminary convention should first be held so that those nations which are in favour of disarmament can see just how much common ground there is and what progress might be made. Britain's standpoint is now made doubly clear by the Premier's assertion that it is going into the Conference with a whole-hearted endeavour to carry out the undertaking entered into at the signing of the Covenant of the League of Nations. It is the will to disarm that will bring about disarmament, and "parleys" and conferences can only hope to provide machinery for synchronising and organising the decrease in the various nations' military strength. The holding of conferences will never bring about disarmament—they can only make disarmament possible by reason of agreeing to ways and means. If all the nations to participate fully realise that fundamental matter, and attend the conference already possessed of the will to disarm, there will be some possibility of a fruitful issue.

SHIPPING NEWS.

VESSELS NEAR PORT.

At noon to-day the following vessels were expected to be in wireless communication with Hongkong: Pormosa, Mantua, Times Maru, Sumatra Maru, Tjisondari, Namsang, Tunda, West Carmona, Angkor, Amakusa Maru, Taiyō Maru, Samarang Maru, Fortinobleau, C. Lopez, Y. Lopez, Alipore, Sekkow Maru, Talamba, Tajshin Maru, Phomius, Hector, Glenfalloch, Emil Kirdorf, Kashmir.

GREEK COMMUNISTS.

A SECRET PERIODICAL.

Athens, Feb. 3. The police have seized a printing press being used to issue a secret Communist periodical, and also correspondence with the Communist International.—Reuter.

DAY BY DAY.

THEY STRENGTH IS THE MEASURE OF THE DESIRE.—Arab Proverb.

According to the old Chinese calendar to-day is the Beginning of Spring (Li-ch'un).

A very effective and most artistic Chinese calendar has been issued by China Underwriters, Ltd.

Viscount and Viscountess Lee of Farham are at present on a tour in India and will later visit the Far East.

The postponed St. Andrew's Ball is to take place on the 26th instant. There are to be reel practices on the 19th and 23rd instant.

A motor cycle ridden by Mr. A. W. Ramsay knocked down a Chinese boy in Gascoigne Road, Kowloon, yesterday. The boy was slightly injured.

The "New Globe Trotters" gave another most enjoyable show at the Star Theatre last night. They are to appear again tonight in a new programme.

Mrs. H. W. Bird has kindly consented to distribute the certificates to the pupils of the Anglo-French School at Causeway Bay on Wednesday, the 10th instant, at 4 p.m.

A Sanitary Department lorry came into collision with a Kai Tak Company's bus in Kowloon yesterday. Slight damage was done to both vehicles, but no one was injured.

Alarmed by two dogs belonging to Mr. G. Keaton, two Chinese boys who were playing on the hillside near the University, rushed down the slope. They fell over a bank, and were injured. One had a fractured arm and leg, while his companion received injuries to his face. Both were taken to hospital.

News has been received in Singapore that the two planters, Schindler and Dymond, who had been missing for several days, reached Layang Layang Estate, South Johore, at noon on Saturday after having been lost in the jungle. Both men were suffering from the effects of their trying experience and were sent to hospital.

At this morning's meeting of the Legislative Council, the first meeting in the New Year, the Standing Law Committee was appointed by His Excellency the Governor as follows: The Hon. Attorney General, (Mr. J. H. Kemp, K.C.), chairman, the Hon. Colonial Secretary, Sir Henry Pollock, and the Hon. Dr. R. H. Kotewall.

In aid of the renovation of St. Peter's Church, for which a sum of \$2,000 is needed, a well-attended concert was held in St. John's Cathedral Hall last night. A really delightful programme was submitted, the contributors being Mrs. Boleyn (violin), Mrs. Morgan and Mr. Victor Sanders (songs), the Rev. G. E. Arrowsmith (conjuring and ventriloquism), Miss Raymond Lam and Mrs. G. Cumming (elocution), and the Misses Aileen Hynes and Iris Woolley in pretty dances.

Nominations closed yesterday with respect to a Justice of the Peace to serve on the Licensing Board for three years. Mr. C. G. Alabaster's term of office had expired. Mr. Alabaster was again nominated for the office, his name being the only one put forward. He was proposed by Mr. Eldon Potter, K.C., and seconded by Mr. F. C. Jenkin. This, of course, does away with the necessity of an election, which would have taken place next Tuesday at the Supreme Court had there been occasion for one.

SUGAR BEET

BRITAIN'S STRIKING INCREASE.

Rugby, Feb. 3. There is a striking increase in sugar beet acreage in this country. A preliminary estimate of the acreage already under contract with farmers in 1925 is 128,500 acres. The final total last year was only 56,200 and in 1924 22,500 acres. It is stated that by the end of this year there will be twenty sugar beet factories in England.—British Wire.

CHINESE BANKS.

BANKRUPTCY COURT PROCEEDINGS.

In the Bankruptcy Court this morning, the Chief Justice, Sir Henry Gollan, granted an application for the dismissal of a creditors' petition against the Leo On Bank.

Mr. C. A. S. Russ, who appeared for the debtors, said he believed the Official Receiver was satisfied that the bank was now solvent. He had the support of the Official Receiver in applying for the petition to be withdrawn, and he believed that the only thing the other side wanted was for them to pay all the costs.

Mr. H. L. Strellett who represented the petitioning creditor, said he was satisfied that if the Bank was given an opportunity to collect its debts it would be solvent. He asked that all costs should be paid by the debtors.

THE KAM WING BANK.

Application was made by the Official Receiver, for a Liquidator and Committee of Inspection to be appointed in respect of the Kam Wing Bank.

He said that meeting of creditors and contributors had been held on February 1st, and the reports were before the court. The former meeting was attended by creditors personally or by a representative, and represented \$295,000. The latter meeting was attended by contributors representing \$300,000, which was half the capital, but some others were unable to be present owing to their absence from the Colony.

The same resolutions were passed at each meeting unanimously, that Mr. John Hennessey, Seth, and Fleming, should be appointed liquidator in place of the Official Receiver, and that a Committee should be appointed. After reading the names of the suggested Committee, he said they were either creditors or contributors, and held powers of attorney, and were therefore qualified.

Concluding he said the assets of the bank were estimated at \$700,000.00, and the liabilities were just over a million.

His Lordship sanctioned the appointments.

COLONY'S BYE-LAWS.

NEW EDITION TO BE ISSUED.

At this morning's meeting of the Legislative Council, there was read a first time an Ordinance to authorise the preparation of an edition of the regulations, rules and by-laws in force in the Colony on the 31st day of December, 1925.

The Bill takes the usual form of enabling bills of its kind, and inter alia—saves certain other forms of legislation; provides the necessary power for appointment of an editor; assigns certain powers to the editor; provides for the validity and operation of the new edition. Attention is directed to clause 5 (1) of the Bill, in which the editor is given power to omit certain "regulations" from the edition, which it is thought unnecessary to reprint at the present time. In particular, Schedules to Ordinances which have lately been revised and reprinted in the recent of the Ordinances of the Colony will be omitted, partly to save expense and partly to avoid confusion. It is at the same time enacted in a proviso to clause 5 (1) that the omission from the edition of the specified "regulations" shall not affect their validity and operation, and they do not therefore fall under clause 6 (2), which provides that any regulation omitted from the edition is to be deemed repealed.

Clause 7 enacts that the Regulations Ordinance, 1915, which authorised the preparation of the present edition, is to be deemed repealed from the date which the Governor in Council may appoint for the coming into operation of the new edition.

In moving the first reading, the Hon. Attorney General said that it was proposed that Mr. A. Dyer Ball should be editor of the new edition. He said that it was hoped that it would be completed soon after the passing of the Ordinance. That was not such a miracle as it might seem because Mr. Dyer Ball had been working on it for some time past and a good deal of the preliminary work was done by Mr. J. H. B. Nihill, who adjourned the case sine die.

GOVERNOR SPEAKS OUT.

(Continued from Page 1)

prevent the resumption of normal relations between Canton and Hongkong on the old, familiar footing. We expect and require the Canton Government to put an end to these illegalities. We hold the Canton Government to be principals in this matter. I also wish it to be clearly understood that the Hongkong Government will never agree in principle to strike pay or to compensation for non-reinstatement of labourers.—(applause).

I must close with a word of warning. It has been brought to my notice that attempts have recently been made in Hongkong by emissaries of the Canton Strike Committee to incite a new strike. If these attempts are not immediately discontinued, the Hongkong Government will take drastic steps to put a stop to them; and should any labourers be so ill-advised as to desert their employment—a contingency which I believe to be remote—I am confident that the whole community can be depended upon to rise to the occasion, as it has done before.—(applause). The emergency organization, which did such splendid work last year, is still in being and is ready to be put in force at any moment, should circumstances demand its use. We are determined to give full protection to the people of Hongkong, and to put down with a firm hand any conspiracy to intimidate or otherwise to cause trouble, among labourers and merchants in this Colony. In all necessary measures to that end, I know that I can rely upon the whole-hearted support of this Council.—(applause).

SPEECH LAUDED.

Before the close of the meeting, Sir Henry Pollock, in the course of an address congratulating His Excellency on his recent knighthood, referred to the fact that His Excellency arrived in the Colony when matters were strained, and still were, between the Hongkong Government and the Canton Government. His Excellency had given a manly and straightforward declaration of the attitude and policy of the Hongkong Government in the matter of the boycott and he could assure His Excellency from his (Sir Henry Pollock's) knowledge of public opinion in the Colony that those straightforward words of his would meet with hearty approval from all members of the community.

WARRANT ISSUED.

BANKRUPT CHINESE WANTED.

Fang Lai-tung, wine and provision merchant, who appeared at the Bankruptcy Court on Saturday, for public examination, when the case was adjourned until this morning, is believed to have absconded.

When the case was called this morning, before the Chief Justice, Sir Henry Gollan, the debtor did not appear, and the Official Receiver said he had called at the debtor's private address, and was told he was not there. He was not to be found elsewhere, and he (the Official Receiver) was given to believe he had absconded. He did not know what the solicitors had to say.

Mr. D. L. Strellett, who represented the debtor, said he could only say he had sent for the debtor yesterday afternoon, but that he did not appear.

The Official Receiver suggested that His Lordship should hear evidence, as to his being aware he was expected to attend this morning.

An interpreter, who acted during the public examination, said at the close of the examination he told the debtor in Chinese that the examination was adjourned until this morning, at 10.30. When he was told the debtor nodded his head, and said he understood.

A messenger, employed in the office of the Official Receiver, said he visited No. 5, Pottinger Street yesterday afternoon, to see the debtor with a letter. The principal tenant told him the debtor had moved. He went to the office, where a folk told him his master had gone to Kennedy Town, to live at 25, Catchick Street. Witness went there and was told the debtor was not there.

The Official Receiver applied for a warrant to be issued, and in granting the warrant, His Lordship adjourned the case sine die.

WINNERS OF HONGKONG RIFLE SHIELD.



Above is the team from H.M.S. Hawkins, winners of the Hongkong Rifle League Challenge Shield. (Photo: Ming Yuen).

BRITISH INDUSTRY.

BETTER REPORTS FROM
ENGINEERING TRADE.

Rugby, Feb. 3. The recent improvement in the Sheffield steel industry is ascribed largely to the notable success of manufacturers in lowering the costs of production. Selling prices are now not more than 25 per cent. above pre-war prices in most cases, says Mr. Chapman, Vice-President of the Sheffield Chamber of Commerce. He adds that "considering that the general level of prices is still from 60 per cent. to 80 per cent. above pre-war and considering also the great increase in local rates and taxation, this is a tremendous achievement."

The total exports of machinery for December amounted to 47,427 tons. This is the highest monthly total recorded during the past three years. The total exports of machinery for the year 1925 amounted to 515,300 tons which is the highest figure for any year since 1913. This, however, still represents only 75 per cent. of the pre-war average.

The British Engineers Association reports a steady tendency to improvement in the volume and value of inquiries for machinery and other engineering products. Large schemes in the Dominions call for substantial quantities of electrical and other machinery, notably hydro-electrical development in New Zealand railway, and labour works in South Africa, and electrical development in important South American cities. Special attention is being given by British firms to the manufacture of vehicles for use over roadless country or earth routes in undeveloped regions. In view of the conference of Governors of African territories being held at Nairobi two types of "roadless" steam tractors are on the spot to show their capabilities. Their characteristics are that they will traverse surfaces quite impracticable for wheeled vehicles and in addition, they tend to improve rather than destroy the surface passed over.—British Wireless.

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Washington, Jan. 25.—Four powerful anti-prohibitionist organizations, including the American Federation of Labour, have joined forces in the most formidable assault ever launched against the 18th Amendment. An announcement was made to-day of the formation of a joint legislative committee consisting of representatives of the four leading national bodies opposed to the dry regime. Their purpose is to carry on a systematic drive among Congressmen to bring about drastic modification of the Volstead Act. They are already engaged in collecting facts to prove that the law is a failure. The House Judiciary Committee probably will arrange hearings on the proposed changes in the Volstead Act within two or three weeks.

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The twin screw steamer Rajputana, built by Messrs. Harland & Wolff, Limited, Greenock, to the order of the Peninsular & Oriental Steam Navigation Company, was delivered to the Owners on the 30th December after running very satisfactory trials.

The vessel is a sister ship of the Rawalpindi, which was recently completed by the builders for the P. & O. and which a short time ago concluded a most successful maiden voyage to Bombay and back.

This latest acquisition to the P. & O. fleet is a magnificent vessel of 16,000 tons gross and of imposing dimensions—670' x 71' x 47' 6"—and is intended for the owners' mail and passengers service between London and Bombay. She has been built with cruiser stern, and to Lloyd's highest class, and complies in all respects with the requirements of the International Convention for Lifesaving at Sea.

The Rajputana is the ninety-first vessel delivered to the P. & O. Company from the builders' Greenock yard, a record which is a striking testimony to the community of interests existing between the two concerns.

Accommodation is provided in lofty and spacious state-rooms for 307 first saloon and 288 second saloon passengers. The first saloon accommodation is arranged in one, two and three-berth rooms on the promenade, bridge, shelter and upper decks, a prominent feature being the relatively large number of single-berth rooms. Much thought has been given by owners and builders to the design and arrangement of the furniture in this accommodation with the result that a maximum of comfort and convenience has been secured in combination with a tasteful appearance. The stateroom fittings include a dressing table with glass top and a generous supply of drawers, etc., surmounted by a cupboard with a mirror; large wardrobes with mirror doors; folding shelf over each berth; large wire rack for boots, and the usual toilet shelves and accessories. All the wood furniture is of finely polished Austrian oak. Washbasins giving a constant supply of fresh water are fitted in each room, and the majority of the beds are of the cot type. Six special two-berth cabins (with private bathroom attached) have been provided at the Bridge front. These are very spacious rooms, paneled in hardwood, painted with gilt and silver enrichments, giving a quiet, refined appearance. The furniture and appointments in these rooms are of the highest class.

On the bridge deck, abaft the special cabins, there are ten private single-berth rooms each with its own bathroom. These again have been decorated in hardwood, and are in every way well appointed.

Four cabins-de-luxe, each with two berths, have been arranged on the bridge deck near the first saloon entrance and main stairway, two being on the port and two on the starboard side. These beautiful rooms have been specially designed, the treatment being carried out respectively in satinwood, sycamore, greywood, and

light oak and silver, with finely figured panels. The furniture and other appointments have been most carefully thought out to give the greatest comfort, convenience, and sense of beauty.

The Bureau and Ship's Office are situated in the first saloon entrance on the bridge deck, convenient to the lift and main stair, and a printing room is fitted forward of the Bureau.

The second saloon accommodation is situated on the shelter and upper decks aft, and is arranged in two, three and four berth cabins, the two-berth rooms predominating. Here again the comfort of the passengers has been a primary consideration, all the fittings being of a most up-to-date character, and carried out on somewhat similar lines to those described for the first saloon accommodation. Wash-basins with fresh water laid on are provided in each room.

The first and second saloon staterooms are arranged in every case with direct access to the ship's side, so providing natural light and ventilation. The floors of all rooms and corridors are laid with ruboleum in self colour or parquetry style.

The public rooms in connection with both first and second saloon accommodation have received special attention, the treatment being on different lines from that of the sister ship Rawalpindi, and have been executed under the direction of Viscountess Incheape and her daughter, the Hon. Elsie Mackay.

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One of the biggest seizures of non-Government opium ever made by officers of the Preventive Service resulted from a search on board the British steamer Anhui when she arrived at Singapore from Amoy on January 21.

The chandu found is valued at over \$100,000, so that the attempt to smuggle the drug into the Colony, if successful, would have proved extremely profitable for the parties concerned.

In the usual way, Captain Pennefather, Master of the Anhui, was held to be liable, the amount of chandu found being in excess of that allowed under the Chandu Revenue Ordinance.

The discovery was made by Mr. J. Listerman, of the Govern-

ment Monopolies, who boarded the Anhui with a search party. Late the same night he received information and with the Chief Engineer he went down into the stoke-hold. The man-hole cover over No. 4 tank was unscrewed and inside the tank the Revenue Officers discovered the drug, which was packed in 55 separate bundles, the total amount being 16,860 tahils.

Captain Pennefather pleaded guilty to the charge against him when called up before the District Judge and a fine of \$500 was imposed.—Singapore Free Press.

With a view of suppressing the smoking of opium in Siam as much as possible, it has been thought proper to register the names of all smokers of the drug, who must obtain a permit. For this purpose His Majesty the King has appointed a Committee to draw up rules and regulations,

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CANTON ROAD TROUBLE.**COOLIES' HOSTILITY TOWARDS POLICE.****Sunday's Riot Premeditated?**

That the coolies residing in Canton Road in the vicinity of the Kowloon Godown Co., are hostile towards the Police was the opinion expressed by Detective Sub-Inspector Andrew at the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday, during the course of his evidence in an enquiry which was conducted by Mr. E. W. Hamilton, with the assistance of a jury, into the circumstances of the death of a coolie who fell from the first floor of No. 128, Canton Road, during an earlier police raid on a gambling school on the night of January 11.

The jury summoned to enquire into the death of the coolie consisted of Messrs. F. C. Coleman (foreman), F. C. Clemo and A. A. de Carvalho.

An assistant shopkeeper, who heard the commotion during the raid, said that on going into the middle of the road, he saw two men climbing from the first floor verandah of No. 128 to the adjoining house. The deceased was first, with the other man immediately after him. The man in the rear appeared to slip and made an attempt to regain his balance by holding on to the deceased, with the result that both men fell into the street. There were no policemen on the verandah nor in the street.

Sub-Inspector Andrew said that he, together with 14 Chinese detectives and Sgt. Pearson, raided the first floor of No. 128, Canton Road, at 8.45 p.m. on January 11, and arrested 24 Chinese for gambling. It was not until some minutes after that witness was made aware of the accident.

Questioned by the Coroner as to whether Sunday night's riot had any connection with the coolie's death, witness replied that the other coolies were probably incensed by the first raid and attempted to take their revenge on Sunday.

The medical evidence showed that the deceased succumbed to a fractured skull and cerebral hemorrhage.

A verdict of accidental death was returned.

OBITUARY.**MR. G. B. COLSON.**

The death has occurred at Home of Mr. G. B. Colson, formerly superintendent of the generating station of the Hongkong Electric Company, following an operation for cancer at the Royal Northern Hospital, London.

The late Mr. Colson was fifteen years in the service of the Hongkong Electric Company and left the Colony in 1921, to settle down at Home. A member of the Hongkong Club and of the Royal Hongkong Yacht Club, he was well-known throughout the Colony and his many old friends will regret to learn of his decease and will extend sympathy to the widow in her bereavement.

Death at Sea.

The Norwegian steamer Dampito arriving yesterday afternoon, reported the death at sea of Mr. Ernest F. Cox, a British passenger from Saigon, which occurred at 10.30 p.m. on January 29.

The body was landed at Hongkong, the Dampito putting in for that purpose. The cause of death is not stated.

FRANCE'S PROBLEMS.**M. BRIAND'S APPEAL.**

Paris, Feb. 3.

In the Chamber, continuing the financial debate, M. Briand said he depended on the goodwill of all Frenchmen to overcome the present difficulties.

Certain fiscal systems indeed improvements, which should be made, but it was a question of obtaining immediate resources, which was the object of the Government's Bill, for it was not the moment to stand by doctrines. The Government refused to engage in battle against the finance committee, since the Cabinet was not inclined to resign unless the majority of the Chamber definitely indicated this as its will.

The franc should not be stabilized at less than its real value.

M. Briand was frequently cheered, and concluded by demanding the wholehearted collaboration of Parliament and the country, in a loyal effort for the salvation of French finances.—Havas.

THE POUND AND DOLLAR.**TRANSATLANTIC CREDIT POLICY.****An Unused Fund.**

New York, Feb. 3.

The annual report of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York sets forth the Bank's policy. Dealing with domestic credit conditions, which it declares are not influenced by relations with the Bank of England, it adds: "While it is the intention of this Bank to exchange information fully with the Bank of England, and avoid unnecessary action, which is detrimental to the maintenance of a free gold market, the Reserve Bank and the Bank of England are both absolutely free and not committed with regard to any action relative to discount rates."

In view of the pound sterling's close approach to parity, considerable interest is aroused in the Bank's first official announcement that use has not been made of the \$200,000,000 credit placed at the disposal of the Bank of England last spring, for two years, in connection with Britain's return to the gold standard.—Reuter's American Service.

An attempt will be made next May by the Union Francaise d'Entreprises Sousmarines, a French company, to recover the bullion in the steamship Egypt which sank after a collision on May 20, 1922, about 20 miles off Ushant. The Union Francaise has obtained the assistance of German divers with special apparatus.

PEKING PRESIDENCY.**EFFORTS AT RESTORATION.**

Shanghai, Feb. 3.

General Li Kan-yuen, formerly commanding the Yunnanese troops in Kwangtung, arrived in Tientsin on the 2nd inst., and is working with ex-President Li Yuan-hung for the restoration of the Presidency.

The M. P.'s in Tientsin have sent representatives to Hankow to request the constitutional clique, to come to Peking.

The M.P.'s are very active in Tientsin in the restoration of the Presidency, and it is reported that they may be paid \$200 each on the 8th. This fund comes from a secret source.—Wah Kiu Yat Po.

PROPERTY SALE.**QUEEN'S ROAD LOT DISPOSED OF.**

A regular attendant at Mr. A. G. da Rocha's auction rooms, the representative of the Sang Yee Land Investment and Loan Company, who again the purchaser of a plot of land which was offered for sale yesterday afternoon.

The property consisted of 1,487 square feet of land with the erections thereon known as Nos. 602 and 604 Queen's Road, West, situated on Inland Lot No. 1591.

With an upset price of \$25,000, the property was knocked down at \$23,100, after several bids of \$100 and others of \$900.

UNHEALTHY PRAMS.**CONDEMNED BY DOCTORS.**

The big perambulator at present in fashion is condemned by Dr. Doreen Nixon and Dr. John Nixon, of Clifton, Bristol, who write to the *British Medical Journal*.

The modern baby is apt to be pallid, even though it may be plump and muscular. The modern perambulator is deep and dark, so that a small infant lying at the bottom of it, covered with a water-proof apron of some dark material and shaded by the hood, is out of reach of any sunshine or daylight.

We found our infant daughter at the age of two months pasty-faced and white, though thriving well enough as regards weight and general nutrition. Her diet of Grade A milk suited her admirably, and she took 31oz. (diluted with 14oz. of water) every three hours.

There seemed no reason for changing her diet. So we tried the effect of bringing her up to surface, placing a light wooden tray in the pram at such a height that with her mattresses the baby lay not more than four inches below the sides of the pram. The hood and mackintosh apron are only drawn up when it is actually raining.

In three days the child's complexion changed from a pasty white to fresh pink, and so it has remained.

This note may be of value in directing attention to the drawbacks of a deep pram and the advantages of raising the infant occupant up into the light of day.

JAPAN'S TAXES.**THE GOVERNMENT'S PROGRAMME.**

The abolition of the existing business tax and substitution thereof of taxation on the basis of profit and loss returns, is one of the several important matters which the Government is to introduce in the present session of the Diet, in connection with the plans for financial readjustment.

The existing business tax will lapse into oblivion in the fiscal year of 1927-8, but a remission of 10 per cent. will be allowed for the fiscal year commencing next April, providing the bill receives the Diet's endorsement.

Other important bills coming before the Diet in the near future are a bill in regard to mediation, in labour disputes; a bill for the repeal of the profiteering, a control legislation, and a bill for the readjustment of the Nishihara Loans to China.

Alterations in the mediation bill are to be made on the plea that the regulations now extant are too hard on the labouring man in the matter of punishment for his delinquencies. A portion of the existing legislation is, therefore, to be erased and embodied in separate rulings for the control of rowdism.

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PLAY AND PLAYERS.

THE SOCCER INTERPORT ARRANGEMENTS.

[BY "WANDERER."]

The Shanghai Football Association, up to Saturday last, had not selected its team to meet Hongkong's representatives in the Interport fixture, but it has fixed up a tentative programme and Hongkong will probably be asked to play three matches.

The Interport match will be played on Saturday, February 13th, the day after the arrival of the Hongkong team, on Monday the team will meet the Shanghai Chinese, and there will in all probability be another match on the following Wednesday, though Hongkong's opponents have yet to be determined. It is unlikely that a definite fixture will be made until the result of the Interport is known.

A meeting of the Shanghai Referees' Association held recently appointed Mr. H. C. Herbert to take charge of the Interport fixture, Mr. A. H. Leslie to have charge of the match with the Chinese, and Mr. Marshall to have control of the third game, presuming that it is played. The linesmen will be appointed later on by the Referees' Association.

Present arrangements for the entertainment of the Hongkong visitors include a theatrical show on Saturday evening, a smoking concert on Monday evening and the Interport dinner on Wednesday evening.

It is rather to be regretted that Sims, the Kowloon centre-half, has found pressure of business too great to allow him to accompany the team to Shanghai as a reserve. The next man on the list should be Haynes of Kowloon since he can play in most positions in the forward line, and has played with credit at left half.

THE HAWKINS PLAY FAREWELL.

An interesting game resulting in a draw, each side netting once, was played at Snookpool last evening. The team of the Hawkins, as at present composed, is leaving for Home during the week-end with the old commission, and they engaged old rivals in South China in their last match in the Colony.

Chan So opened the scoring for South China in the first half, but though both sides missed many chances through weak finishing, the Hawkins equalised before the end through Hyde who shot into an unattended net when Hui had misjudged a ball rebounding from the cross-bar.

The game was fought out in a good sporting spirit and the result was consistent with the general run of the play.

NEW FRENCH CLUB, SHANGHAI, OPENED.

The magnificent new premises of the Cercle Sportif Français, in Avenue Joffre, Shanghai, was formally opened last week in the presence of Mr. H. Madier, chairman of the Club, Mr. J. Meyrier, the acting Consul-General for France, various members of the different Consular bodies and other distinguished guests.

The new club is one of the finest and most up-to-date buildings in Shanghai. It is ideally situated and contains many features which the original club lacked, one of which is a special tea room, which previously was in the ladies smoking room. Arrangements are being made to roof-in the bathing pool, which now is covered by a temporary shelter.

One of the beauties of the new club is the roof garden which will provide ideal entertainment on a hot summer's night. It is also hoped that arrangements can be made whereby dancing will be possible on the roof which is at present floored with mosaic. The architects have so arranged the building that most of the rooms face South across the wide sweep of the tennis courts, of which there will be at least a dozen more than there were in the old club. Club members will be delighted with the new hall-room, with its spring floor made of white maple.

HOME FOOTBALL.

CUP AND LEAGUE RESULTS.

London, Feb. 3.
In the English Cup re-plays, Manchester United beat the Spurs, by two goals to nil, and Bolton Wanderers beat Bournemouth by six goals to two.—*Reuter.*

In the First Division, of the League, the Arsenal lost to Burnley by one goal to two, and Aston Villa beat Leeds by three goals to one.—*Reuter.*

LEAGUE CRICKET.

SECOND DIVISION MATCH.

Navy v. Engineers.

A League match between the Navy and the Royal Engineers was played on the Chinese Recreation Club's ground at Causeway Bay on Tuesday afternoon, resulting in an easy victory for the soldiers. The Navy batted first and compiled 101, of which Lieut. Emley contributed no less than 59. Mid. Simms, with 13, was the only other double figure scorer.

The R. E. lost two wickets cheaply, but Blundin and Capt. Bridgland knocked off the runs required without being separated. They put on 131 runs between them, Blundin scoring 91 before being caught and Capt. Bridgland 81. The former hit one six and ten fours and the latter seventeen fours. Scores:

Royal Navy.				
Pay Comdr. Coomber, c Durand, b Jacob	13			
Mid. Simms, b Goodyear	59			
Lieut. Emley, c Durand, b Jones	1			
Pay Lieut. Nave, b Jacob	0			
Lieut. Pularet, c Kelly, b Goodyear	0			
Rev. Hamilton, c Higgins, b Jacob	0			
Mid. Freer, b Goodyear	0			
Mid. Smyth, c Jones, b Higgins	7			
Eng. Lieut. Bennett, c Durand, b Jacob	6			
Lieut. Spencer, not out	9			
Extras	0			
Total (for 9 wks.)	101			

Bowling Analysis.				
Goodyear	11	1	24	3
Jacob	3	2	21	3
Higgins	3	1	24	1
Jones	4	1	12	1
Farro	2	1	17	1

Royal Engineers.				
Sgt. Blundin, c Smyth, b Coomber	91			
L/C Holland, b Bennett	2			
Spr. Goodyear, b Bennett	0			
Capt. Bridgland, c Freer, b Emley	81			
Lieut. Col. Macintosh, b Bennett	0			
Q. M. S. Farr, c Emley, b Coomber	17			
S/S Kelly, b Coomber	2			
Sgt. Durand, c Coomber, b Bennett	6			
Q. M. S. Jacob, b Bennett	10			
Sgt. Jones, not out	2			
Extras	6			
Total (for 9 wks.)	223			

Bowling Analysis.				
Emley	10	1	89	1
Bennett	10	5	64	5
Nave	2	1	25	1
Coomber	6	1	39	3

RIFLE SHOOTING.

NEW COLONIAL COMPETITION.

London, Feb. 3.
With a view to encouraging rifle shooting in the Dominions, the proprietors of the *Morning Post* have presented a Challenge Cup to the National Rifle Association, to be competed for by teams of four representing the Colonies and Protectorates.

The match will be decided at the Imperial meeting at Bisley in July.—*Reuter.*

The club, the most popular in Shanghai, has 2,600 members on its books. Other features of the new premises are the grill room and the gymnasium, not to mention the barber's shops for both lady and gentlemen members of the club.

LOCAL HOCKEY.

CLUB v. "TAMAR."

The following will represent the Club against H. M. S. Tamar at the U. S. R. C. ground on Friday, at 5 o'clock:—D. Fitzgerald, J. V. Ramsay, G. P. Lammert, J. A. H. Plummer, J. C. Thomson, L. M. S. Lloyd, T. P. Sanderson, (Capt.) D. Rushton, W. H. Newman, H. C. Macnamara, and G. Rankin.

TEST CRICKET.

M. C. C. BEAT WEST INDIES.

The M. C. C. has won the second test match by five wickets. The West Indies were all out for 281, of which Austin made 69. The M. C. C. then replied with 239 for five wickets, the top scorers being Holmes with 44 and Hammond with 48 runs.—*Reuter.*

LOCAL CRICKET.

HONGKONG V. KOWLOON.

The following will represent the Hongkong Cricket Club 2nd XI in a friendly match against the Kowloon Cricket Club 2nd XI on Saturday next, 6th February, commencing at 2 p.m. on the H.K.C.C. ground.—W. W. Mackenzie (Capt.), H. Griffin, G. R. Valack, C. L. R. Becker, H. C. Burgess, H. J. Armstrong, H. V. Parker, M. M. Watson, P. Jacks, W. T. Featherstone and R. K. Hepburn.

The following will represent the Indians (away) in a League match against the Civil Service on Saturday commencing at 2 p.m.—A. H. Rumjahn, H. D. Rumjahn, O. Ismail, S. H. Ismail, R. S. Abdul Currim, N. B. Kitchell, A. H. Madar, M. P. Madar, S. A. Ismail, Jr. (Capt.), F. M. el Arculli and Y. Abdul Wahab.

HOCKEY MATCH.

SCRATCH GAME AT KOWLOON.

Last evening a hockey team from the Submarine Flotilla was due to play the Hongkong Club first eleven, at the U. S. R. C. ground, Kowloon, but the Submarines failed to turn up, and a scratch team was made up mostly of Indians.

Woodward captained one side and Mitchell the other. To make matters more equal, Woodward had the Club forward on his side, and Mitchell the halves, backs, and goalkeepers. The game ended in a victory for Woodward's side by three goals to one, the scorers being Evans, Lammert, and Jacobs-Larkcom. An Indian scored for Mitchell's side.

RUBBER SHARES.

STRAITS QUOTATIONS.

Messrs. Carroll Bros. are in receipt of a cable from Singapore informing them that the price of raw rubber is now \$1.10 per pound and giving us the following quotations:

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United Malakias	2.70
Utan Simpans	4.75

MAGISTRATE'S POWERS.

LOCAL ORDINANCE AMENDED.

At the Legislative Council this morning, on the motion of the Hon. Attorney General, an Ordinance to amend the Magistrates Ordinance, 1890, was read a first time.

The object of clause 2 of this Bill is to enable a Government servant who has once been appointed a police magistrate to exercise the powers of a magistrate even though he has since been appointed to some other office. In practice the exercise of such a power would be convenient, so as to enable a magistrate, who has moved on to another post, to complete the hearing of part-heard cases.

Clause 3 of the Bill, coupled with amendments to be made in the Merchant Shipping Ordinance, 1899, is intended to confer upon the Assistant Harbour Master the same magisterial powers as the Harbour Master can now exercise, so as to remedy the inconvenience of the hearing of cases before the Marine Magistrate being delayed if at any time the Harbour Master is either ill or absent from the Harbour Office on other duties.

Clause 4 of the Bill, which is based on section 29 of the Criminal Justice Administration Act, 1914, 4 & 5 Geo. 5, c. 58, gives a magistrate power to issue a subpoena *duces tecum* which at present can only be obtained from the Supreme Court.

Clause 5 of the Bill, which is based on the section 3 (1) of the Criminal Justice Administration Act, 1914, gives statutory recognition to the practice of accepting of payment of part of a sum of money adjudged to be paid by a conviction or order in commutation of a proportionate part of the alternative term of imprisonment. Section 45 of the Magistrates Ordinance, 1890, provides that where a magistrate imposes a sentence of imprisonment, and the defendant "is then in prison undergoing imprisonment on a conviction for any other offence," the magistrate may order that the subsequent sentence shall commence at the expiration of the previous sentence. This section is defective in several respects. In the first place it limits the power of imposing consecutive terms to two sentences; see *R. v. Martin* (1917) 2 K. B. 450. In the second place it is not quite clear that it applies to cases where the imprisonment has been ordered in default of payment of a sum of money. In the third place it fixes no maximum aggregate. The wording of the section is also rather inappropriate to the common case where a defendant is convicted and sentenced for two offences at the same sitting of the court. It has been held in *R. v. Cuthbert* (1867) L. R. 2 Q. B. 379, that the corresponding section in the English Act does apply to the above case, and *R. v. Cuthbert* was cited with approval in the House of Lord in *R. v. Castro* (1881) 6 A. C. 229, but the opportunity is taken of making the wording more appropriate. The proposed new section 45 is partly based on section 18 of Criminal Justice Administration Act, 1914, and it endeavours to remedy the defects mentioned above. The proposed new section provides that where two or more terms of imprisonment imposed by a magistrate or magistrates are ordered to run consecutively, the aggregate of the said terms shall not exceed twelve months. In the English Act the maximum aggregate is six months unless the sentence include at least two sentences for indictable offences dealt with summarily by consent or on a plea of guilty, in which case the maximum aggregate is twelve months.

Clause 9 of the Bill increases from \$50 to \$100 the amount which may be ordered to be paid by an offender as compensation to a person who has suffered injury or loss to his person or property by any offence.

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It appeared "like an enormous silver sausage in the sky."

Then one of our little aeroplanes, that was being towed on a barge, flew off, got above the

giant, dropped a bomb, and set the Zeppelin afire. And while

the Zeppelin was falling a hymn-book code message was flashed round the Fleet—

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"My mother—who is in the audience—wrote to me and told me about the first Zeppelin that

arrived over London," said Captain Edwards, "what an extraordinarily dazzling sight it was."

Her cook, however, who had also rushed out to see this great thing, cried out excitedly: "Madam! Madam! It looks like a rissole!"

After a naval engagement a captured German officer was asked by Captain Edwards at dinner—

"Why do you hate us so?"

"We don't," was the reply. "We hate your politicians."

When on duty in the Dardanelles, naval officers, feeling sorry for the military officers in the trenches, made it a point of honour to invite them to dinner on board. They "would come aboard"

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FRENCH FINANCES.

A PROPOSAL REJECTED.

Paris, Feb. 3.
The Chamber on the demand of M. Doumer has rejected by 295 votes to 233 the Finance Commission's suggestion providing for a compulsory sworn declaration of income by everybody.—*Reuter.*

SIR ALFRED MOND.

ASKED TO RESIGN HIS SEAT.

Rugby, Feb. 3.
The Executive Committee of the Carmarthen Liberal Association has today passed a resolution, calling upon Sir Alfred Mond to resign his seat in view of his secession to the Conservative Party. Sir Alfred is Member of Parliament for the Division.—*British Wireless.*

SINGAPORE LETTER.

Education Topics—Governor
Criticism—Shipping Enquiry

(Our Own Correspondent.)

Singapore, Jan. 28.

Seven years ago it was decided to found a centre of higher education at Singapore in celebration of the centenary of the port. This institution was to be called Raffles College, and Raffles University as soon as it had developed sufficiently to deserve the more dignified title. To-day the position is that a competition for the design of the buildings has been conducted, and the prize awarded to a British architect, whose plans, incidentally, have had to be modified by local architects to meet local conditions. The land has been acquired, and a committee is in existence, although no one seems to know who belongs to it. Meanwhile the very large sums that were subscribed have been lying idle in the bank, and many of the subscribers must have wished that they had had their money available for investment in the last year or two, when they could certainly have doubled it. No explanation has been forthcoming of this delay, but the sharp protests which have been made in the press this week will doubtless produce results of excellent nature at the next meeting of the Legislative Council. It is plain, however, that there has been a lack of energy and initiative somewhere. When the scheme was first mooted, the more vigorous of its supporters urged that the Principal and Faculty should be obtained at once, housed in any buildings that could be found, and classes started without delay. Instead, the Government has chosen to wait until the buildings are erected, and that means another year or two. A great wave of enthusiasm swept all criticism aside when the scheme was proposed seven years ago, but it is clear that Raffles College is going to be one of the problems of the Colony. Exactly what its students are going to do we do not know. The gates of the Malayan Civil Service are still closed to all but persons of pure British descent, the medical and dental professions, already have their own college, and the field of employment in the other professions is very limited indeed. The College will achieve one definite result, however, in that it will provide the Colony with adequately trained teachers; at present the quality of the material available for staffing our schools leaves much to be desired.

Queen's Scholars.

With the exception of a temporary lapse during the slump, there has been in existence in the Colony for many years an exceedingly useful institution called the Queen's Scholarships, which annually send a limited number of boys to the universities of Great Britain. The provision of these facilities for obtaining a higher education has been one of the wisest things the local Government has done, in that nearly all the leaders of our various communities received their education and professional training through these scholarships. Occasionally, of course, the Colony has not received an adequate return for its money. Dr. Wu, the head of the Chinese medical service at Peking was a Queen's Scholar, but he transferred his affections to China after practising for a short time in Penang. Of course, quite a number of the wealthier Chinese send their sons to England or America, but the results are not always satisfactory. The boy does not find it easy to settle down to some occupation in Singapore when he returns from three or four exciting years abroad, and his ideas are not likely to coincide with those of his family. This is, of course, a familiar problem in all Eastern countries, but I may illustrate one local aspect of it by an incident I saw recently not a hundred miles from Singapore. The son of a local Malay Sultan, an all-powerful potentate in some hundred square miles of rich and developed territory, was attending the annual parade of his father's troops—a well-drilled little force which has yet to prove its quality, its only experience of active service having been a brush during the Singapore mutiny. At this ceremony the Sultan fitted; his son, educated at Oxford, speaking with an unmistakable variety accent, did not, and what he thought of life in a

little native state in the extreme south-east corner of Asia it would be interesting to know.

A Contrast With Amoy.

We take a particular interest down here in Amoy University, because both its founder and principal are Straits Chinese, and the money which went to found it was made entirely in Malaya. Dr. Lim Boon-keng, principal, is at present spending his first holiday in the Straits since he gave up extensive business activities here in 1920 to take charge of the university, which was then nothing but a name, and a Singapore editor has drawn a pointed contrast between what has been done at Amoy in five years and at Singapore in seven. Dr. Lim Boon-keng, who is one of the finest scholars his community has produced, has a remarkable story of steady progress and rapid constructive work to tell. The University, while still undeveloped, has a full curriculum, with a staff of fifty professors and assistants, two science laboratories which are claimed to be unique in China, a library containing some 20,000 Chinese works and 8,000 other volumes, playing fields, and housing accommodation for the removal of excretal matter from staff and students. In the next two buildings (not fitted with water and medical colleges will be built. The library, plans of which have been on view down here, will be an interesting building; it is modelled upon the Kuo Chih Kieh at Peking, the most ancient academic building in China. The founder of the University is Mr. Tan Kah-kee, the leading Chinese figure in the rubber industry of Malaya, and a multi-millionaire, with business ramifications everywhere. He is unable to speak English, and takes no part in public life, but he has done very remarkable work here, especially as a pioneer of the rubber manufacturing industry, and the output of tyres, shoes and other articles of all descriptions from his factories is now very large. He has shouldered the whole cost of Amoy University in addition to a very complete and interesting school at his ancestral home near Amoy which now contains 3,000 students. Dr. Lim Boon-keng's ideal is an eclectic one—to maintain the ancient culture of China while taking the best of all other civilisations—and he gained a thorough knowledge of British ways and habits of mind during his many years in Malaya, so that his influence upon the young intellectuals of South China should be a valuable one in these troublous times.

Civil Servants and The Press.

With our rulers politeness does not pay. Certainly some of the personalities that have been launched against Sir Laurence Guillemard in connection with his injudicious decentralisation proposals have been widely condemned as journalistic bad form, but it does seem that in order to make any impression upon our local Heavens-Born, editorial comment must be rude. At any rate, the only one of our local editors who can get anything done is the rudest of them all. In a recent article we find this very able writer, who has dominated public opinion in Singapore for years, upbraiding His Excellency successively with wanting to add the post of Chief Secretary of the F.M.S. to his multifarious responsibilities, for dilatoriness in regard to Raffles College, for negligence in the matter of measures to deal with the rampant evil of venereal disease, for failure to check the violent crime that is beginning to show its head again in the Colony, and for starving the Chinese Protectorate of funds. What an indictment for His Majesty's representative to peruse on a Saturday afternoon. How much of it is true is another matter, and most of it ought, no doubt, to have been directed against the heads of the departments concerned, but the fact that public affairs are subject to vigorous and well-informed criticism does much to keep the official ranks in our local parliament up to the mark.

Captain Censured.

The City of Baroda enquiry which was held this week, revealed the fact that Capt. Houghton, who had not been off the north coast of Borneo for seventeen years, took his ship through the passage between the North and South Luconia Shoals, a route of which the China Sea Pilot says:—"This passage has apparently not been sounded and should be given a wide berth." The court censured the captain for grave errors of judgment, and probably took into consideration the fact that the ship will cost \$400,000 to repair at Singapore, and that a thousand tons of cargo were damaged.

RULES AND BYE-LAWS.

APPROVED BY COUNCIL
TO-DAY.

Bye-laws relating to scavenging and conservancy, a resolution under the Tramway Ordinance, and rules made by the Registrar of Patents were approved by the Legislative Council at the meeting held this morning, and presided over by His Excellency Sir Cecil Clementi, K.C.M.G.

SANITARY MATTERS.

The bye-laws relating to scavenging and conservancy, which were made by the Sanitary Board on December 15th, lay down that the Head of the Sanitary Department shall provide a departmental service or employ contractors for the general surface scavenging in the city of Victoria, the Hill District, Villages on Hongkong Island and such portions of Kowloon as the Board shall from time to time determine. The Head of the Department is also to employ contractors for the removal of excretal matter from Government buildings, all private-owned public latrines in the city of Victoria and certain specified villages, as well as such portions of Kowloon as the Board shall from time to time determine.

DOUBLE TRAM TRACK.

The resolution under Section 7 of the Tramway Ordinance confirmed by the approval of the Governor-in-Council of the application by the Tramway Company for the substitution of a double track for a single track for approximately seventy yards in Percival Street and the provision of an additional curve leading from Praya East into Percival Street, with the necessary points. This approval was given on condition that (1) that any alteration of mains, cables, services, sewers, drains, manholes or other works belonging to the Government of the Colony shall be carried out by the Director of Public Works at the cost of the company, (2) that all the other works shall be subject to the approval and shall be carried out to the satisfaction of the Director of Public Works, and (3) that the said substituted track and all the works in connection therewith shall be subject to all the powers and provisions of the Tramway Ordinance, 1902.

PATENT REGISTRATION.

The rules made by the Registrar of Patents lay down that every application for registration of a patent shall be accompanied by a statutory declaration setting out the interest and title of the applicant and stating that, to the best of the applicant's knowledge and belief, the invention has not been publicly used in Hongkong; the issue of every certificate of registration of a patent shall, forthwith, be notified by the Registrar in the *Gazette* at the expense of the applicant; and every application under section 10 of the Ordinance shall be accompanied by a statutory declaration setting out the interest and title of the applicant, and by the original, or a certified copy, of every document on which the applicant's title depends. The rules include a list of fees payable to the Registrar, these including \$5 for certificate of registration and \$5 for entry on Register.

EXCHANGE RATES.

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